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FALKINER—December 9, 1924, at Riverview, Broff, County Limerick, to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Falkiner, a daughter.

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MATHEWS—December 21, 1924, at 26 Longford terrace, Monkstown, to Miriam, wife of Captain A. H. Mathews, Bombay Grenadiers, I.A. (retired), a son. Indian papers please copy.

WALLACE—December 14, 1924, at 7 St. Alphonsus terrace, Limerick, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Wallace, a son

MARRIAGES.

GEOGHEGAN and ROCHE KELLY—December 17, 1924, at the University Church, Dublin, by the Rev. James McCann, S.J., assisted by Rev. Edward Dillon, S.J., Thomas Geoghegan, F.C.A., of 89 Pembroke road, Dublin, to Miriam Roche Kelly, daughter of the late Fitzjames Kelly, of Ballintlea, Skamlebridge, County Clare.

MILLER and WYNNE—December 6, 1924, at St. Paul's, Portman square, London, W., by Rev. W. H. Aldis, George Berresford, elder surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller, Grace Park Gardens, Dublin, to Janet, fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wynne, Horwich, Lancs.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in t.'s column will be found on Page 6.

BARTON—December 17, 1924, at Kildare, Ferndown, Dorset, Bernard Barton (late of Crooks, Sheffield), dearly-loved husband of Susie J. Barton, aged 40 years.

JOHNSTON—December 17, 1924, at Ranchi, India, Bryan, infant son of J. P. Watson Johnston (Superintendent Indian Police) and Emma, his wife.

LADLEY—December 18, 1924, at Portobello House, following an operation, James Percival Ronald, darling child of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ladley, 130 Connaught street, Dublin. "Safe in the arms of Jesus." Funeral (strictly private) to-day (Saturday). American papers please copy.

McGOWAN—December 19, 1924, at 24 Dartmouth square, Mary, infant daughter of John and May McGowan, aged 8 months. R.I.P. Funeral (private) this day.

McNELLO—December 19, 1924, at her residence, Inniskeen, Dundalk, Catherine, sister of the late Daniel McNello. R.I.P. Interment at Inniskeen Cemetery to-morrow (Sunday), the 21st inst., after 11 o'clock Mass.

STUDDERT—December 18, 1924, at 1 Carlingford road, Margaret Isabella (Meta), dearly-loved daughter of Mrs. Studdert and the late Michael Studdert. "For ever with the Lord."

WOODS—December 17, 1924, at Llanelly, G. Woods, of Dublin

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. S. Moore wishes to sincerely thank the many kind friends who sent expressions of sympathy in her late bereavement, and asks them to accept this acknowledgment.

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DU CROS—In devoted and loving memory of Harvey du Cros, Esq., J.P., founder of the Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Industry, who died at his residence, Inniscorrig, Dalkey, County Dublin, December 21, 1918

DWYER—In loving, proud, and sincere memory of Séamus Ua Duibir, who was cruelly murdered at Rathmines, December 20, 1922. Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul in the Church of Our Lady of Refuge, Rathmines, at 9 o'c. to-morrow (Sunday) morning, 21st inst. Aiora, a mic na Maigdean Muire, crocaire an anam.

Inserted by the Séamus Ua Duibir Branch of Cumann na nGaedheal, who will place a wreath upon his grave in Glasnevin Cemetery, at 12 o'c. same day.

ELLIOTT—In fond and affectionate remembrance of George Elliott, J.P., who died at his residence, Arvagh, December 20th, 1915.

HOGAN—Eighth Anniversary—In loving memory of Paul Hogan, 2 Suffolk street, who died at 24 Grosvenor road, Rathmines, 21st December, 1916. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on him.

JOHNSTON—In loving memory of Edward Johnston, Main street, Portarlington, who died 21st December, 1919.

KENNEDY—In ever-loving memory of William J. Kennedy, late Secretary West and South Clare Railways, who died at Highfield, Howth, County Dublin, December 20th, 1923. "Till the day break."

O'CONNOR—In loving memory of Doctor John Joseph O'Connor, of 27 Haddon road, Clontarf, who died 20th December, 1919. R.I.P.

PIERCE—In ever-loving memory of my dear wife, Ellen Jane, who passed away 20th December, 1922, at Graigue Begg, Clohamon. "Thy will be done." Inserted by her loving husband and family.

ROPER—In loving memory of "Kathleen," who departed this life on the 20th December, 1923.

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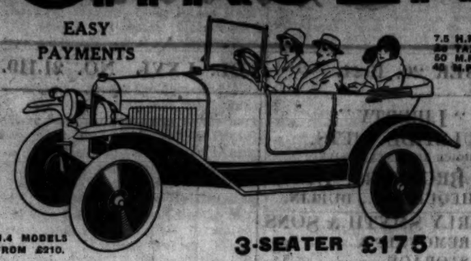

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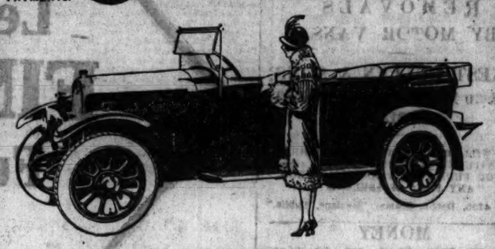

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GARDENER Wanted (Protestant). Apply, stating experience, wages expected, enclose copies testimonials, to T. Sinton, Tandragee. 16 F

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the 22nd and 23rd Vic., cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors or otherwise to have any claim or demand against the estate or assets of the said Joseph FitzGerald, Deceased, who died on the 1st day of March, 1924, are hereby required on or before the 7th day of January, 1925, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned, Solicitor for the Executors of the above Deceased, to whom Probate was granted on the 20th day of September, 1924, forth of the District Registry at Waterford of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann.

And Notice is hereby further given that after the 7th day of January, 1925, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims and demands of which notice and particulars have been given as above required.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1924.

NICHOLAS F. MAHER, Solicitor for the Executors, 35 Molesworth street, Dublin, and Tipperary.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Goods of

LUCY EMMA TATE, late of 6 Mount Tallant terrace, Harold's Cross, in the County of Dublin, Widow, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the 22nd and 23rd Vic., cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors or otherwise to have any claim or demand against the estate or assets of the said Lucy Emma Tate, Deceased, who died on the 9th day of November, 1923, are hereby required on or before the 17th day of January, 1925, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitors for the Administrator with the Will annexed of the above Deceased, to whom Probate was granted forth of the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, on the 1st day of May, 1924, and in default thereof the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Testatrix, having regard only to the claims of which notice and particulars shall have been given as hereby required.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1924.

MONTGOMERY and CHAYTOR, Solicitors for the said Administrator, 13 Molesworth street, Dublin.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
1918, No. 445.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.
In the Matter of

The Undivided Shares of certain Freehold Lands and Premises, situate in the Counties of Carlow, Kildare and Queen's County, conveyed and settled by the Indenture of Settlement dated the 5th day of June, 1835, executed on the Marriage of Thomas Pim with Margaret Gorman,

Between

THOMAS PIM and GEORGE PIM, Plaintiffs;

And

ELIZA GERMAINE and JAMES O'DONNELL, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that the funds standing in Court to the credit of the above-mentioned Matter and Cause are about to be finally allocated.

Any person who has obtained a Stop Order or Charging Order affecting the said funds or any part thereof is required forthwith to lodge such Order with the Chief Clerk, Room 38, Upper Castle Yard, Dublin.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1924.

THOMAS W. ELLERKER, Chief Clerk.

IN THE GOODS OF

MRS. SARAH WILHELMINA CAMPBELL, late of No. 9 Fitzwilliam square, Dublin.

All persons having claims against the Assets of the above, who died on 26th May, 1924, should send particulars to the undersigned Solicitor, for the Executors to whom Probate was granted on 15th December, 1924, and who will distribute the Assets after the 21st January next, having regard only to claims previously received.

Dated the 17th December, 1924.

W. S. BARRETT, Solicitor for Executors, 15 South Frederick street, Dublin.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

In the Goods of

JAMES DOWLING, formerly of Newtown House, Duleek, and Ardcath, in the County of Meath, Farmer, and late of 74 Lower Gardiner street, in the City of Dublin, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., cap. 54, that the said James Dowling, by his Will, dated 22nd July, 1922, bequeathed the following Charitable Legacies:—

To his Executrix, Elizabeth Dowling, the sum of £100 for funeral expenses and Masses to be offered for the repose of his soul. To the Governors of Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, £200. After the death of the Survivor of his sister, Elizabeth Dowling, and his brother, John Dowling, the following to be paid:—

To the Reverend Thomas Gillie, or the Parish Priest for the time being of Dulcek, County Meath, and to the Reverend John Leonard, or Parish Priest for time being of Ardcath, County Meath, £100 each, for Masses for the repose of his soul and the souls of his relatives.

To the Prior for time being of the Dominican Priory at Drogheda, to the Prior for time being of the Augustinian Order at Drogheda, to the Guardian for time being of the Franciscan Friars at Drogheda, £100 each, for Masses for the repose of his soul and the souls of his relatives.

To the Superioress for time being of the Presentation Convent, Drogheda, the sum of hundred pounds (sic). To the Superioress for time being of the Sisters of Charity, Drogheda, the sum of hundred pounds (sic). To the Superioress for time being of the Sisters of Mercy, Drogheda, the sum of hundred pounds (sic). To the Superior for time being of the Christian Brothers, Drogheda, £100.

To the Treasurer for the time being of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Drogheda, the sum of pounds (sic), for his purposes of the Society.

To the Prior for time being of the Dominican Priory, St. Saviour's, Dublin, and to the Superior for the time being of the Carmelite Priests, White-friar street, Dublin, £100 each, for Masses for the repose of his soul and the souls of his relatives.

To the Superioress for time being of the Sisters of Charity in charge of the Children's Hospital, Temple street, Dublin, the sum of pounds (sic).

To the Superioress for the time being of the Sisters of Charity, Upper Gardiner street, Dublin, £200. To the Brother Superior for the time being of the Carmelite Brothers of St. Joseph's Asylum for the Male Blind, Drumcondra, Dublin, the sum of hundred pounds (sic).

To the Treasurer for time being of the Executive Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, Dublin, £200. To the Superioress for time being of the Little Sisters of the Assumption, Nursing being of the Little Sisters of the Assumption, Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor, Upper Gardiner street, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for time being of the Nuns in charge of the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Dublin, £200. To the Mother Abbess of the Poor Clares, St. Clare's Orphanage, Harold's Cross, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for the time being of the Sisters of Charity, Lakelands Orphanage, Sandymount Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for the time being of the Sisters of the Holy Faith, St. Brigid's Orphanage, Ladies street, Dublin, the sum of hundred pounds (sic). To any of the Trustees for the time being of the Catholic Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Cabra, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for time being of the Nuns (Poor Servants of the Mother of God), St. Joseph's Asylum, for Aged Single Females, Portland Row, Dublin, £200. To the Superioress for the time being of the Sisters of Mercy in charge of St. Joseph's Night Refuge for Homeless Women and Children, Brickfield lane, Cork street, Dublin, the sum of pounds (sic). To the Superioress for the time being of the Sisters of Our Lady of Refuge, Magdalen Asylum, Lower Gloucester street, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for time being of the Sisters of Charity, Saint Mary Magdalene Asylum, Donnybrook, Dublin, £100. To the Secretary for time being of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, Parliament street, Dublin, £100, for the purposes of the Association. To the Superior for the time being of the Dominican Friars in charge of Saint Saviour's Orphanage, Denmark street, Dublin, £200. To the Brother Superior of the Carmelite Brothers in charge of St. Joseph's Asylum for the Male Blind, Drumcondra, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress of the Sisters of Charity in charge of Saint Mary's Asylum for the Female Blind, Merrion, County Dublin, £100. To the Brother Superior of the Christian Brothers in charge of Saint Vincent de Paul's Male Orphanage, Prospect, Glasnevin, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress of the Sisters of Charity in charge of St. Vincent's Female Orphanage, North William street, Dublin, the sum of pounds (sic). To the Superioress of the Sisters of Charity for time being in charge of St. Joseph's Female Orphanage, Mountjoy street, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for time being of the Nuns in charge of Saint Brigid's Schools of the Holy Faith, the Coombe, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for time being of the Sisters of Mercy in charge of the Mater Misericordiæ Hospital, Eccles street, Dublin, £200. To the Superioress for the time being of the Sisters of Mercy in charge of Jervis street Hospital, £100. And the Testator declared that the foregoing bequests to Charitable Institutions are for the benefit and purposes of such Institutions. And Testator bequeathed the residue of any moneys and investments in his Trustee or Trustees, to pay to any Charities for any Charitable purposes that they might select. And the said Testator appointed his sister, Elizabeth Dowling, the sole Executrix and Trustee of his said Will. The said Testator, James Dowling, died on the 23rd day of November, 1923, and his Will was proved by his said sister, Elizabeth Dowling, the Executrix therein named, and Probate thereof granted to her forth of the High Court of Justice (Probate), Saorstat Eireann, on the 4th day of April, 1924.

Dated 11th day of December, 1924.

CHARLES O'CONNOR, Solicitor for said Executrix, 110 West street, Drogheda and 4 Dame street, Dublin.

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FINAL MEETING.

COMPENSATION TO RETIRING DIRECTORS.

THE AMALGAMATIONS.

The proprietors of the Great Southern and Western Railway assembled for the last time at Kingsbridge Station, Dublin, yesterday to receive the report of the directors for the half-year ended the 30th June, 1924, and to provide for payment of compensation to the directors of the company who suffer loss by abolition of office. The meeting was held in pursuance of the Railways Act, 1924.

The Right Hon. Sir W. J. Goulding, Bart., P.C., D.L., presided, and the other directors present were:—Major H. A. Henry, Sir H. J. Forde, Dr. W. L. Murphy, Lieutenant-Colonel T. A. E. Cairnes, Messrs. C. D. Evans, A. R. McMullen, J. P. Goodbody, and J. X. Murphy.

The attendance of shareholders was unusually large.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman recalled that when last they met the shareholders had approved the scheme of amalgamation of the Great Southern and Western, Midland Great Western, and Cork, Bandon and South Coast Railways, and that the scheme was approved by the Tribunal on the 12th November. As from that date, therefore, he said the Great Southern and Western Railway Company ceased to exist, save for the purposes for which they were called together that day—namely, approving the accounts and compensating the directors who suffer loss of office by reason of amalgamation.

THE AMALGAMATION.

They would remember that at that time, although they had not come to a final agreement on terms of amalgamation with the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company, he expressed a hope that the negotiations then proceeding would so result. Contrary to his hope and expectation, negotiations at that time broke down, but at the opening of the hearing, when the newly amalgamated Great Southern Company and the Dublin and South-Eastern Company were to appear before the Tribunal which should settle the terms of amalgamation, these terms were mutually agreed between the parties, and long and costly proceedings before the Tribunal avoided at the eleventh hour.

The terms of amalgamation so agreed, the Chairman continued, are contingent upon the confirmation of a new agreement entered into between the Dublin and South-Eastern Company and the Kingstown Company, and reflect the benefits of an agreement newly made with the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company, securing to the new company the advantages of those allowances hitherto made to the Dublin and South-Eastern Company, the discussion of which formed so prominent a feature in the negotiations prior to amalgamation. At the same time, you will be aware from the public Press that the Government are promoting a bill in the Oireachtas for the purpose of securing the London, Midland and Scottish Company the right to nominate a director to the Board of the amalgamated company so long as the allowances just referred to continue to be made. I should like to impress upon the shareholders that these arrangements have not been sought by your directors, who did not welcome the Railways Act, 1924, in view of the hardship it imposed upon them in having to submit unremunerative lines, and the whole scheme is that of the Government and leaves us no alternative.

The other important event affecting the future of railways in this country which has taken place in the last three months is the order made by the Railway Tribunal imposing upon the railway companies drastic reductions in fares and rates, to take effect as from the 1st January, 1925. These reductions were opposed by the railway companies to the utmost extent of which they were capable, as in their view these reductions would render the prospect of earning dividends during the next few years extremely remote, without affording any substantial advantage to the trade of the country or improving the credit of the Free State institutions.

With regard to the immediate future, the amalgamation of the Dublin and South-Eastern with the new Great Southern Company will become an accomplished fact on the 1st January, and as from that date all the companies situated wholly in the Free State will be worked, managed and maintained as one joint undertaking, the detailed absorptions of the smaller companies being settled by the Tribunal, no doubt, as fast as they can reach them. In these circumstances you will understand that there is before us a period of exceptionally hard work and anxiety, particularly in view of the severe reduction in revenue which we shall have to face at the same time as we assume the additional burdens of the poor lines. These, however, are matters which relate to the future of the Amalgamated Company, and, as you are aware, this is the last meeting of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, which henceforth will be merged in the larger corporation, and with the old Great Southern and Western Railway these questions of the future have, strictly speaking, nothing to do.

ACCOUNTS FOR SIX MONTHS.

The accounts of the Great Southern and Western Railway, which are in your hands, have on this occasion been prepared for the half-year ended 30th June, 1924; but to meet statutory requirements they are to be treated as the accounts of a year—that is to say, they are the only accounts which the Great Southern and Western, as such, will publish in respect of the year 1924, and the comparative figures shown therein are the figures relating to the whole year 1923; so that comparisins are of little value for reference purposes. The gross receipts from railway working, which amount to £1,396,987, show an increase of £165,810, and the working expenses, amounting to £1,198,646, show an increase of £156,619, as compared with the corresponding half-year of 1923; so that the net receipts of £198,341 result in a gain of £9,191 on the half-year. Omnibuses and other passenger vehicles not running on the railway, docks, harbours and wharves, and hotels and refreshment rooms show a loss of £9,277; but it should be pointed out that the bulk of the receipts from the passenger vehicles and the hotels is obtained in the second half of the year, when these accounts usually right themselves. The miscellaneous receipts of £26,400 are an advance of £9,427 in the half-year, and the sum of £65,000 was transferred from the compensation received under the Irish Railways (Settlement of Claims) Act, 1921, to make the balance on the revenue account up to the amount required to pay a dividend of 3 per cent. per annum on the Ordinary Stock and carry forward a balance of £3,788 to the credit of the Great Southern Railway.

Regarding the traffic department, the period under review more closely approaches normal than any corresponding period for the last nine years. The total traffic receipts for the six months ending 30th June, 1924, were £1,382,874, as compared with £1,224,740 for the corresponding period of 1923, representing an increase of £158,134, of which "goods train" traffic provided £105,736 and "passenger train" traffic £52,398. These figures are satisfactory in so far as they go to show a gradual trend toward normal business; but the tonnage of goods carried—20 per cent. under that for 1913—and the number of passengers conveyed—close on a million less—show how far behind normal we are for previous to 1913 the tendency was upward year by year.

The increase in traffic expenses of £55,056 mainly consists of the salaries and wages of the staff temporarily paid off during 1923 period and recalled for duty subsequently according as the closed sections of the railway were re-opened and traffic returned.

With regard to the line and rolling stock, satisfactory progress was made during the half-year under review with the repair and renewal, and in particular with such work as still remained unaccomplished in regard to the repair of your property which was injured or destroyed during the late disturbances. To the extent that the expenditure on such repair has been carried out by the company, claims have been made against the Government and payments received on account, and it is hoped that in the near future actual settlements will be made. A resolution will be submitted asking you to approve the accounts in the usual way.

THE DIRECTORS.

With regard to the directorate, eight members of your Board will join the Board of the Amalgamated Company, which will consist of sixteen members, assuming the passage through the Oireachtas of the bill at present before them, empowering the London, Midland and Scottish Company to nominate a director. As on the Amalgamated Board, there will be only room for eight nominees of your company, it is inevitable that some of the directors who have rendered good service to the company in the past must retire. The retiring directors are Mr. Colvill, the Marquis of Ormonde, and the Earl of Kenmare. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking them for their services to the company, and in particular to refer to Mr. Colvill, who has been a director for over twenty-seven years, and deputy chairman for over twenty-one years, and to whose great energy and wise advice in the conduct of the company's business we are greatly indebted.

I feel confident that it will be your wish that, in addition to voting compensation to these directors for their loss of office, a cordial vote of thanks should be passed for the valuable services they have rendered you for many years. A resolution regarding the question of compensation will be submitted to you. The basis of calculation is four years' purchase of their annual fees.

Regarding the officers, most of them become officers of the new company, but I regret that we have to lose some of them, including Mr. E. A. Neale, our general manager, who has been connected with the Great Southern and Western Railway for over forty-seven years, and has been general manager for the last twelve years, in which capacity he has carried out his duties ably. The general manager, officers and staff have worked loyally and hard, and but for this fact the result that we present to you to-day would have been very different. It affords me great pleasure to express our indebtedness to them, and I am sure you will authorise me to convey to them your hearty thanks. I would also like to express the hope that the feeling of co-operation between the railways and their employes may grow closer in the future of that industry, as until more harmonious working is aimed at, and all are prepared to contribute towards the prosperity of the country, we cannot expect the prophecies of the prosperity of Ireland to come to fruition.

In conclusion, I should like to refer to the long period of my own connection with this company—more than thirty-seven years, of which twenty-three have been spent as Chairman of the Board, and to express the regret with which I preside at the last meeting of the Great Southern and Western Railway, even though we look forward to the future with a hope of returning prosperity to the railways of the country. (Applause.)

COMPLIMENTARY REFERENCES.

Sir John Scott (Cork) expressed regret at the passing of the Great Southern and Western, and recalled that Corkmen took an interest in the line eighty-two years ago, and that forty years ago he addressed the directors and shareholders in that room. He paid a tribute to Sir William Goulding and his predecessors, and said that the burden of difficulties which had fallen on the shoulders of Sir William in connection with the line far outweighed the burdens which his predecessors had to sustain. There had been labour troubles and political disorganisations in the country, and the Government of the day from time to time had more than once sought to interfere unfairly with the interests of the shareholders. Sir William Goulding and their present board of directors acted a wise and independent part. He (Sir John) had known the shares to be a favourite investment in the market at the price of £150 and over, and to-day they were quoted at under £40 each. The amalgamation scheme was rushed through the Dail against the expressed wishes of the leading commercial men throughout the country, but they had now only to hope that it would fulfil at least some of the anticipations of those who forced it on the different railway companies. If all interests worked together in the future, a revival of trade and the busy times would return again. (Hear, hear.) Often in that room he had urged the want of more cranes, and more wagons at Cork. Now the supply, he regretted, was in excess of the demand, and the working staffs were being reduced. The future would require liberal and far-seeing management, and their chairman could be relied on to do his best for the shareholders. (Applause.)

Mr. J. J. Maguire declared that the shareholders did not want amalgamation; that it would be detrimental to their interests and to the interests of the companies concerned. In other countries nationalisation had proved a failure, and the new scheme had little regard for shareholders' interests. They had taken over a number of unprofitable lines, and should have been properly compensated. The reduction of fares by 20 per cent. was also unfair in view of the huge wages bill that had to be met, and in which no decrease was proposed. The result of amalgamation would be that the shareholders would receive no dividends. It was an iniquitous Act; it would depreciate their investments up to 30 per cent. and mean enormous loss to shareholders.

Mr. Adam Lloyd Blood remarked that they had performed the melancholy duty of attending the obsequies of the Midland Great Western Railway, and were now attending the funeral of the Great Southern and Western Railway. They deplored the loss of their directors, and the compensation proposed to be paid to them was exceedingly reasonable. He hoped the new company would combine economy with efficiency.

Replying to Sir John Scott, the Chairman said that the meetings of the company would be held yearly.

Captain Collins mentioned a Press report that the railway workshops in Cork were to be closed down and the work transferred to Inchicore. He inquired if the report were true.

"These things are in the air," replied the Chairman. "There will be no hustling of people out of existence, and there has been nothing published with the authority of the new Board."

The report was adopted.

The Chairman, acknowledging the compliments that had been paid to him, said that they had fought the shareholders' case as best they could and could not get more than they had got.

Dividends of £1 10s. per cent. on the Geashill Extension Stock, 3 per cent. on the Ordinary Consolidated Stock, and 4 per cent. on the 4 per cent. Preference Stock were then declared. The balance of £3,788 will be placed to the credit of the new company.

COMPENSATION TO DIRECTORS.

The chairman then moved that £5,760 be voted out of the assets of the company for distribution amongst the directors as compensation for loss of office, and not in respect of past services.

This motion gave rise to a considerable amount of uproar, and the confusion was not relieved when Mr. E. Kennedy proposed an amendment that the compensation, instead of being paid to the directors who had experienced a fall in the shares of from 120 to 37½ per cent., be distributed to such of their shareholders as were known to be in penury and distress, owing to the reduction of capital and dividend.

"Can we afford to deplete our funds to this extent," asked Mr. Kennedy, and there were cries of "No, no." When he complained of the want of facilities for the cattle trade, the chairman told him that everything possible had been done for it.

Mr. P. O'Connor (Mallow) said it was a crying shame that the directors should be taking the bread from the mouths of the shareholders.

A noisy discussion followed, and, eventually, the chairman declared the resolution carried.

Mr. Kennedy and his supporters held a formal protest meeting against the decision after the proceedings had terminated.

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SERVICES AND ANTHEMS.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

St. Patrick's Cathedral.—Holy Communion, 8. Matins, 11.15. Psalms 11, 12, 13. Te Deum, Jubilate, Stanford in C. Anthem, "Thus saith the Lord . . . And He shall purify," Handel. Hymn 406, "Jesus come, the heavens adoring." Preacher, the Rev. J. C. Lowe. Evensong, 7. Psalms 24, 97. Holy Communion, 12.15. Afternoon, 3.15. Psalm 94. Magn. in F, Dunn; Nunc, Stanford in B flat. Anthem, "In the bleak mid-winter," Orch. Hymn 85 (2). "It came upon the midnight clear." Christmas Carols. Preacher, the Rev. J. C. Webster.

Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.—11, Matins; Psalms 19,15; Te Deum, Garrett in D; Benedictus, Garrett in D; Introit, "Blessed is He" (Stanford). 11.40, Holy Communion, Somervell in F. Preacher, the Dean; Hymns, 68, 327. 3.30, Evensong; Psalms 94, Magn. and Nunc Dim., Walmisley in D; Anthem, "Blessing, glory [Bach]; Hymn 75. Preacher, Rev. Canon Greer, B.D.

The Royal Hospital, Kilmainham.—11, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

St. Matthias's Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. 3.30, Young People's Service. 7, Rev. Richard Bird.

St. Bartholomew's Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11, Matins; Te Deum, Stegall in A; Benedictus, Stoker (2nd tone); Rev. Charles Coffey, B.D. 12, Processional. Sung Eucharist, Harding in F. 3.30, Young People's Service. Rev. C. Coffey. 6.30, Litany. Evensong; Evening Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Wert in F; Rev. Noel Watling.

St. Stephen's.—8, Holy Communion. 10, Matins and Sermon. 11.30, Matins; Rev. T. A. Harvey; Holy Communion (Harwood in A flat). Children's Service. 6.15, Evensong. 7, Christmas music, from "The Messiah"; and Carols.

Christ Church, Leeson Park.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. A. E. Hughes. 3.30, Carol Service. 7, Carol Service.

St. Columba's Church, Rathmines.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. W. Bell. 7, Rev. H. Turner.

Magdalen Church.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. J. W. Crozier. 7, Christmas Carols.

Irish Church Missions, Townsend street.—11, Rev. F. C. Hammond. 7, Rev. J. R. Crooks.

Mission to the Deaf, St. Ann's.—Holy Communion, 2.15.

St. Kevin's, S.C. road.—11.30, Rev. R. Bird. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Holy Communion; Canon W. Baillie.

Molyneux Church.—11.30, Morning Service. 7, Evening Service and Holy Communion; Rev. A. Morrow.

St. Werburgh's Parish Church.—9, Holy Communion. 11.15 and 3.30, Rev. A. S. Blacet. 7, Rev. W. J. McCreery.

St. Catherine's Church.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. J. Seale. 7, Evening Prayer with Carols.

St. Victor's Church.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon Thompson. 4, Young People's Carol and Gift Service. 7, Evening Prayer with Carols.

St. George's.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. R. Wilson. 7, Carol Service; Canon Greer.

St. Andrew's.—11.30, Holy Communion; Canon Cashen. 3.30, Carol Service. 7, Rev. J. T. Cummins.

St. Augustine's.—11.30, Rev. R. K. Fleweti. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Holy Communion; Rev. B. Watson.

The Pro Cathedral.—11.30, Holy Communion; Canon Greer. 7, Rev. R. K. Fleweti.

St. James's Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. F. M. Ratcman. 7, Carol Service.

St. James's District Church.—11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. P. Cuthbert. 3.30, Rev. E. M. Bateman. 7, Carol Service.

St. Paul's, Kilmainham.—11.30, Morning Prayer. 3.30, Young People's Service. 7, Rev. Canon Corbett.

St. Mark's.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. J. Crampton. 7, Rev. J. Orpen.

St. Luke's Church.—11.30, Rev. J. Purser Short. 7, Rev. Robert Northridge.

St. Thomas's.—11.30, Rev. E. H. F. Campbell. 4 and 7, Rev. H. W. Donald.

St. Bernard's.—11.30, Rev. H. W. Donald. 4 and 7, Rev. D. H. Hall.

Rotunda Hospital Chapel.—11.30.

St. Mary's Parish Church.—10 and 7, Rev. Gage Doudney.

St. Mary's Chapel of Ease.—11.30 Morning Service and Holy Communion, Rev. Gage Doudney. 3.30, Carol Service.

Drumcondra Parish.—8, Holy Communion. 12, Canon N. J. D. White. 4, Children's Service. 7, Carol Service.

North Strand Parish.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. 7, Carol Service.

St. Peter's.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. J. M. Harden. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Rev. J. Tobias.

St. Andrew's.—11.30, Rev. F. C. Hammond. 7, Rev. F. W. Stranott.

St. Barnabas's Church.—11.30, Rev. R. A. Orchard. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evening Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. R. A. Orchard.

St. Michan's.—11.30, Rev. E. J. Young.

St. Paul's.—11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. R. Sanderson Griffin. 7, Carol Service.

Zion Church, Rathgar.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. L. Parkinson Hill. 4, Young People's Carol Service. 7, Carol Service.

Mariners' Church, Kingstown.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. E. J. Devlin. 3.30, Rev. C. Fitzpatrick. 7, Carols.

St. Paul's Church, Glenageary.—8 and 11.30 Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. Haythornthwaite. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Rev. J. Hamilton.

Monkstown Church.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Rev. T. Arnold Harvey. Carols.

St. Philip's Church, Milltown.—11.30, Morning Prayer, and Litany; Rev. R. Robinson. 3.30. Carols after Evening Prayer.

St. John's, Chondalkin.—10.30, Morning Prayer and Christmas Carols. 6, Carol Service.

St. Maelruan's, Tallaght.—12, Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Christmas Carols.

St. Andrew's Church, Lucan.—8.30, Holy Communion. 11, Morning Prayer and Litany. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols.

Rathfarnham Parish Church.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Mr. T. A. Bailey. 7, Rev. H. Turner, Mission to Lepers. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols.

St. John's, Monktown.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer, Rev. H. C. Cave. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evening Prayer.

Harold's Cross Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Carol Service. Parish Choir, Scouts and Girl Guides.

Tallow Parish Church, Carrickmines.—11.30, Matins and Litany; Rev. E. C. Bland. 6, Evensong and Carols.

Christ Church, Kingstown.—8.30 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. 7, Choral Evensong.

All Saints', Raheny.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Service. 3.30, Evening Service.

Beaufort Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; the Archbishop of Dublin. 3.30, Rev. W. N. Harvey. 7, Parish Service Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, Canon Monk Gibbon.

Clontarf Parish Church.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Canon Consett. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Carols will be sung.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

Abbey Church, Eccles square.—11.45 and 7, Dr. Denham Osborne.

Adelaide road.—11.30 and 7, Rev. R. K. Hanna.

St. Andrew's, Blackrock.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. Sawdon.

Bray.—11.30 and 7, Dr. E. J. M'Kee.

Chapelizod.—4.30, Rev. A. Galler.

Clontarf.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. L. Morrow.

Donore.—11.30 and 7, Rev. G. T. W. Clements.

Greystones.—11.30 and 7, Rev. W. S. Kirkpatrick.

Howth.—11.30, Rev. J. M'Caughey. 7, United Service, Rev. J. W. B. Campbell.

Kingstown.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. W. Dodds.

Lucan.—11.30 and 7, Rev. A. Gailey.

Malahide.—4, Rev. J. M'Caughey.

Monkst own.—12 and 7, Rev. T. Byers.

Rathgar Christ Church.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. J. Macaulay.

Sandymount.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. S. Crockett.

United Free Church of Scotland, Lr. Abbey street.—12 and 7, Rev. J. K. Macpherson.

Presbyterian Association, 16 St. Stephen's Green.—4.30, Young Men's Bible Study Circle.

Dublin Presbytery's City Mission.—Whitefriar street Hall, 6; Whitefriar street.—5, Sabbath School; 4.30, Evangelistic Service, Mr. Logan.

North Strand Hall.—8.15 p.m., Evangelistic Service, Mr. Logan.

Gilford Hall, Sandymount.—4 to 5, Mr. Lane.

Presbyterian Mission (Covenanters), 9 Anglesea street.—The usual weekly meeting for Bible study will be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Conducted by Mr. T. F. Adams.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

Charleston road.—11.30, Rev. R. Lee Cole. 7, Rev. James M. Alley.

Brighton road.—11.30, Rev. James M. Alley. 7, Rev. R. Lee Cole.

Bray.—11.30 and 7, Rev. W. G. Christie.

Dalkey.—11.30 and 7, Rev. W. T. Coade.

Ringsend.—11.30 and 7, Rev. R. E. Gentleman.

Blackrock.—11.30 and 7, Rev. A. E. Carson.

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Brighton road.—11.30 and 7, Rev. A. Quinn.

Donore.—11.30 and 7, Rev. A. Egan.

Centenary, St. Stephen's Green.—11.30, Rev. W. J. Oliver. 7, Canon Greer.

Dolphin's Barn.—11.30, Mr. W. F. Skinner. 7, Mr. Smith.

Kingsland Park.—11.30, Mr. W. A. Harrison. 7, Rev. Lumley.

Monkstown.—11.30 and 7, Dr. Carrothers.

Sutton.—11.30, Mr. Crooks. 7, Rev. J. W. H. Campbell.

United Service in Presbyterian Church, Ringsend Mission Hall and Y.M.C.A., Pigeonhouse road.—4, Mr. John Gibson.

OTHER CHURCHES AND HALLS.

Moravian Church, Lower Kevin street.—11.30, Rev. J. Hutton.

Kilmainham Congregational Church.—11.30, Rev. Philip Davis.

Kingstown Congregational Church.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. Henderson.

Baptist Church, Harcourt street.—11.30 and 7, Captain Reginald Wallis.

Baptist Church, Phibsborough.—11.30 and 7, Mr. W. H. Spurgeon.

Baptist Tabernacle, Kingstown.—11.30 and 7, Grosvenor Hall, Rathgar.—7, Mr. Thomas Kelly.

Fairview Gospel Hall.—12, Mr. A. Idan. 7, Mr. J. Stone.

Merrion Hall.—12 and 7, Mr. S. Rennie.

Society of Friends.—6 Eustace street, 11; Monkstown, 11; Churchtown, Dundrum, 11; Bray (Assembly Room, West Wing), 12.30; Rathmines Road, 11 and 7.

Bible Students' Hall, 4 Lincoln Chambers, Lincoln place.—11.15, Mr. J. Sharpley. 7, Mr. G. B. Combs. Subject, "The Christians' Conflict." Seats free. 43 York street.—4, Men's Bible Class.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Dublin is Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.), 35 Molesworth street. Services—Sunday, 11.30 a.m., 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11.30 a.m.; Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 8 p.m. The Christian Science Reading Room, same address, is open to the public daily from 11 a.m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Rathmines (a Branch Church of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.)—Services, at which all are welcome:—Sunday, 11.30 a.m. Reading and Sunday School, 11.30 a.m.; Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 8 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, Church Building, Rathmines Park, open daily, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Wednesdays from 11 to 7.30, and Saturdays from 11 to 7 o'clock. Sunday, 4 to 6.30. Lesson Sermon, December 21st, 1924, is "Unreality," including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force."

RESPECT FOR THE LAW.

JUDGE'S TRIBUTE TO JURORS.

At the conclusion of the criminal business at the Tralee Circuit Court yesterday, Judge McElligott paid a warm tribute to the jurors for their attendance, which showed that they were determined to do their duty by the State and their fellow-citizens. Nearly three hundred persons were arraigned before them, and they had tried them fairly, honestly and well. There was not a single verdict returned by them to which he could dissent. He felt under an immense obligation to the jurors of Kerry during his first sitting as a criminal court in the county, the heaviest for half a century.

His Lordship also paid a tribute to Mr. Kenny, K.C., State Counsel, and to Mr Liston, State Solicitor, who had merited his most absolute and entire approval. He commended the members of the Civic Guard who, he said, never unduly pressed any evidence against any accused person.

As a Kerry man, he felt proud of his countrymen as jurors.

Mr. Kenny, K.C., said that he agreed that the jurors had acted with efficiency and impartiality.

Mr. O'Donnell said that he rejoiced that that respect for the law was being brought back to the country.

EDUCATIONAL BOOKS.

LOCKHART'S BONAPARTE.

We have received a pleasing abridged school edition of Lockhart's "Life of Napoleon Bonaparte," intended for use as a reader in Irish schools. There are a useful introduction and a glossary; but the feature of this edition which we admire is the excellent reproduction of ten famous paintings based on Napoleon's career. There is a story in each picture—the youthful Napoleon mocked at Brienne by young fellow-students, who ridiculed his foreign manners; the battle of Austerlitz, as painted by Gerard, and that of Rivoli; Marshal Ney defending the rearguard on the retreat from Russia; the return from Elba, and—at the end—the defeated tyrant aboard the Bellerophon. These pictures will whet the youthful interest in Lockhart's fine and instructive narrative.

"The Story of Napoleon Bonaparte." By John Gibson Lockhart. (Standard Authors for Schools.) Dublin: Browne and Nolan. 1/6 net.

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

Mr. P. T. Cremer, author of the "Unit Handwriting" system, which is much favoured in Irish schools, has written a course of lessons on English composition based on the official programme. It is a simple but sound book, dealing thoroughly with the rudiments of its subject. Emphasis is laid on the dual nature of instruction in composition—the child must be taught first to gain a clear perception of the matter to be described, and secondly, must be trained in the proper form of presenting this written matter. Useful model essays and letters are given; but the author does not warn the student against the bad taste implied in opening a letter with the first personal pronoun.

"Cremer's Practical Composition." Dublin: Browne and Nolan. 2/- net.

AN IRISH GRAMMAR.

The Rev. Paul Quigley, B.A., of Dublin University, has essayed the composition of a standard grammar of modern Irish—a much needed work. His work differs from that recently published by Mrs. Cruise O'Brien and reviewed in this place, in that it is less of a lesson book and more comprehensive in its treatment of syntax.

Mr. Quigley seeks to standardise Gaelic spelling, but rejects simplifications which were admitted by classical Irish writers centuries ago. His attempts to represent Irish pronunciation without phonetic characters will not please all critics, more especially as he represents one dialect only. Apart from these points, it would be hard to express anything but admiration for the thoroughness and simplicity of this well-arranged, well-printed book. It is the work of a true scholar, who treats the old language with fine literary taste, and does not restrict his interest to *cainnt na n-daoine*. If Mr. Quigley errs, it is on the side of conservatism—the right side in grammatical matters. His book will be a boon to teachers who have been troubled so much by the vagaries of unscholarly writers, each with a spelling of his own and no respect for classic standards.

The Standard Gaelic Grammar. By Rev. Paul Quigley, B.A. (Dub.), Dundalk: Dundalgan Press. 4/6 net.

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PRIZE DAY AT THE SCHOOLS.

DIVERSE VIEWS ON COMPULSORY IRISH: EDUCATIONAL IDEALS.

Yesterday many schools in the Free State held their annual prize-giving, and interesting references were made to the new educational programme.

Addressing the pupils of Mountjoy School, Dublin, the Archbishop of Dublin said that education had a spiritual aim, and material considerations should not be allowed to obscure higher things. He spoke of the value of English literature as a refining influence, and urged the students to study "The Golden Treasury."

Speaking at St. Flannan's College, Ennis, the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty and Canon O'Kennedy (Principal) welcomed the new educational system as tending to restore mediæval ideals.

At the prize-giving at St. Andrew's College, Dublin, the Principal (Mr. Imrie) said that Irish might be taught as a second language, and, if Latin and other subjects were taken up at the age of 12, the preliminary mental exercise might prove beneficial. He was, however, opposed to all compulsion. Mr. J. R. McKnight, who presided, said that Irish should be compulsory on none but civil servants, for whom it might reasonably be made a necessary subject.

Dr. T. J. Irwin, Principal, Wesley College, Dublin, said that they were proud at that school to cherish their Imperial traditions, and this was fully consistent with patriotism and good citizenship within their own country. They were opposed to compulsory Irish, but gave facilities for the study of that language.

Mr. Ferguson, Headmaster, Drogheda Grammar School, said it was a mistaken policy which would seek to make Irish the vernacular in which other subjects would be taught; but they had the utmost sympathy with the study of Irish, like other classical languages, for the sake of the great writers who had used it.

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.

COMPULSORY IRISH FOR CIVIL SERVANTS ONLY.

At St. Andrew's College, Dublin, the prizes were distributed by the Right Rev. J. W. Hamilton, Newry, Moderator of the General Assembly, and the awards in connection with the various athletic clubs attached to the school were presented by Sir James C. Percy.

The Headmaster (Mr. A. M. Imrie), in his annual report, deplored the present position of teachers in regard to salaries and pensions, and declared that a pension scheme for secondary teachers was urgently necessary. Mr. Imrie said that the policy of the Board was to provide facilities for the study of Irish, but to leave to parents, absolutely and entirely, the decision as to whether their boys were, or were not, to include the subject in their curriculum. Under a capable teacher the study of a language other than the vernacular was of real educational advantage to a boy; but where motive to study a second language was not sufficiently strong, the vernacular usually remained the sole vehicle of thought and expression. Whether, from a purely educational point of view, Irish was the best to adopt as one's second language he was not prepared to argue; but, as under the old *régime* a second language was often started without sufficient motive, and therefore with little success, whereas under the new *régime* strong inducements were being offered for the study of Irish, he would advise parents to allow their children to give the ancient language of this country a fair trial.

"I do not for a moment suggest," said Mr. Imrie, "that Latin and French should be neglected; but I believe that if the study of these languages were left until, at the age of twelve or thereabouts, the pupil had made real progress in English and Irish, ultimate gain, and not loss, in our classical and modern literary studies would be the result."

Referring to a presentation to Miss Woods, who, after thirty years' service to the College, had been granted a year's leave of absence, Mr. Imrie went on to say that long service had its disadvantages as well as its obvious advantages. His colleagues agreed with him in thinking that after a teacher passed his sixtieth milestone it ought to be possible for him, in the interests of his pupils, to retire from active teaching without being a burden on his friends and relatives. A pension scheme for secondary teachers was urgently necessary.

Mr. J. H. Lett was awarded the "Percy Cup" and gold medal for sportsmanship and comradeship. In making the presentation, Sir James Percy said that, whatever happened to him, his medal would remain to be competed for at St. Andrew's for all time.

Mr. J. R. McKnight, who presided, said that no free people ever yet relished compulsion, and for that reason he would ask their educational authorities to pause and consider well before they made Irish compulsory in the schools. It was right and proper that proficiency in Irish should be *sine qua non* for those who were about to enter the Civil Service in the Free State. St. Andrew's was one of the first schools to recognise that fact and to make provision for it; and, furthermore, they of St. Andrew's welcomed those who wished to study the ancient language and literature of their country as part of a literary career. But compulsion was quite another matter.

The study of Irish, Mr. McKnight repeated, was a matter which the educational authorities should consider carefully and well. He believed that if it were left optional more proficiency in the end would be attained. In support of his statement he had but to remind them of the good old maxim: "One volunteer is worth ten forced men."

Mr. Justice Dodd proposed a vote of thanks to the Moderator, Sir James Percy, the Chairman and the Headmaster, and Mr. Imrie called for cheers for the trustees present and the visitors on the platform. The boys responded with a will.

Among the prize-winners in the games section were R. F. Lurring, G. D. Johnston, and H. R. S. Mitchell, who were awarded "caps" for good play on the football field. In the Football League competition the latter was an Irishman to the backbone, and Courcy Wheeler) was won by J. D. Mitchell's team; and in the Cricket League competition the "Mooney Cup" (presented by the late Mr. John Mooney, C.V.O., D.L.) was won by R. F. Jones's team.

OLD BOYS' DINNER.

The "Old Boys" of St. Andrew's held their annual dinner later at the Shelbourne Hotel—Dr. George E. Nesbitt presiding.

Mr. W. D. Johnston, ex-President of the Cambridge Union Society, proposed the toast of "The Governor-General and Prosperity to Ireland." It seemed to him that the future of the country was bound up in the young men who had been outside the conflict of the last few years. The principal thing that they wanted to be taught at present was to think, and if they were taught that, it did not matter what language they thought in.

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, who responded, said that he was an Irishmanto the backbone, and in reference to prosperity to Ireland he looked on the country through spectacles that saw not only six counties, but the whole of Ireland. He was an antepenteni Liberal, and he thought that if they had got Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill long ago, they might have saved many troubles and would not have had to give away so much as they had had to give. (Applause.)

He thought that the present Free State Government, looking at things from the North, had done magnificently in an inconceivably difficult situation.

He never liked partition, and he hoped that the day would come when there would be no partition in Ireland. If things went well in the South, the best opinion in the North would be glad to stretch out hands towards them and come to some working arrangement for the future.

Speaking of St. Andrew's College, he said that he was greatly impressed with the splendid and efficient work that was done in the school, and he was very glad to know that it was never doing better work than it was doing under Mr. Imrie to-day.

The Chairman, proposing the toast of "Our Old School," said that one thing that stood out in the history of the school was the record that they made in the big war, and they were proud of it. He protested against "all this nonsense about Irish." He objected *in toto* to the compulsory teaching of Irish. There were certain propositions in connection with it so insane that they should not waste time over them. There was altogether too much compulsion in this Free State. He was not going to have his children taught Irish, and if they could not get the education in this country in the direction he desired, they would get it some where else.

Mr. J. P. McKnight, who responded, said that he repudiated any idea of compulsion in the teaching of Irish. He was a North of Ireland man, who had great hope for the future of the Free State, and he joined in wishing that the day might come when they would have a solid Ireland.

I will not introduce Protection into this Parliament, nor will I use the Safeguarding of Industries Act as a wedge to introduce it.—The Prime Minister.

WESLEY COLLEGE.

IMPERIAL PATRIOTISM.

The annual distribution of prizes at the Wesley College, St. Stephen's Green, took place yesterday afternoon in the large hall of the College.

The Principal, Dr. T. J. Irwin, in his report, said they had passed through the last year of the old Intermediate system, and that Wesley College had the remarkable distinction of winning all the mathematical scholarships awarded to girls.

Quoting Wesley, Dr. Irwin said that the world was their parish. "We have," he declared, "no intention of forfeiting our place and our privileges in the great Empire to which we belong—an Empire to the building of which Irish blood and brains have so richly contributed. That spirit is quite compatible with devotion to our own particular State, of which we are loyal and patriotic citizens."

"One of the most pleasing features in the new educational programme," Dr. Irwin said, "is the generous recognition which the Ministry accord to religion in the schools certainly no one can accuse it of secularism. The only cloud upon the horizon was the threat of compulsory Irish in every school, irrespective of parents' or pupils' wishes. No subject should be compulsory, unless there was at least a moderate demand for it. They fully appreciated the desire to cultivate the national language, and sympathised with every encouragement being given to the schools. They have made and shall continue to make full provision for all pupils who wish to study the language, but having done this, they had fulfilled all righteousness, and to add compulsion to these efforts is to inflict a tyranny detrimental to education and calculated to defeat its own object."

Sir William Thompson, in the course of his address, said that the results of the October Trinity College examinations were extraordinarily good, and they all felt proud of Wesley. Since its foundation in 1845 the College had a tradition and heritage for the best of everything. The parents should know that each pupil became unconsciously and gradually imbued with the feelings of high tone—mental, physical and religious—which pervaded the atmosphere of the College. Having congratulated the prize-winners, Sir William asked those who were not so fortunate not to be down-hearted or despondent. In whatever sphere of life they might go they would realise, said it would be a comfort to them to know, that many who made a success in life were not always brilliant at school.

DROGHEDA GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

CLASSICAL IRISH—NOT VERNACULAR.

Mr. A. C. P. Moore, J.P., Secretary of the Erasmus Smith Schools, presided at the annual distribution of prizes in Drogheda Grammar School yesterday. The prizes were distributed by Archdeacon White, of Cashel.

The Headmaster, Mr. Ferguson, said that Irish was now taught in the school under a fully-qualified native teacher, and the inspector who recently visited the class expressed his entire satisfaction with the progress made. If the teaching of Irish were confined to enabling one to acquire a first-hand acquaintance with those great writers who used it in bygone days, they would heartily welcome it, and would readily give as much enthusiasm to it as to the other classical language. But, to try to force its use as a medium of everyday conversation in the ordinary business of the complex civilisation of modern life, would be, they thought, to lose sight of the great aims mentioned.

The Rev. Chancellor Ledoux said that the boys of a public school, especially in the new circumstances of Ireland, had an enormous work to do to carry on the old traditions and to keep the old flag of Irish ideals and noble traditions flying.

The winners of the Governors' prizes were:—Head of the school medal—J. F. W. Roddell. Special medal for general merit—T. W. C. Hilliard. Special prizes for good conduct—T. W. C. Hilliard, J. W. Stokes, N. McLean. Special prize for science (presented by Rev. C. H. Hammick, M.A.)—A. H. Little. Special prize (presented by H. Johnson, Esq.)—T. A. Swain.

ST. FLANNAN'S COLLEGE, ENNIS.

BACK TO THE MIDDLE AGES.

The Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, speaking at St. Flannan's College, Ennis, at the close of an entertainment provided by the pupils on Thursday night, said that a blessed and splendid change had been made in the system of education. The new system brought them back again to the lines of the old mediæval methods of education. The world had tried the non-mediæval, the non-Catholic system of education, and had found it inefficient. They were going back to the system of education which the Church had developed and nursed for hundreds and hundreds of years, and had found the correct one. No two little boys were turned into the world with the same type of mind. The good system of education was that which found out the mechanism of each particular type of mind and developed it to the best advantage.

Canon O'Kennedy, President of the College, said that the Education Board had done splendidly in putting forward a grand system of education which would broaden the minds of the boys in every direction, not merely in Irish language and history, but in classics and modern languages and other subjects. As one who had to deal with the matter, he hoped the Education Ministry would stick to its original plan and bring them back to the system of mediæval education in Ireland.

PRIZE DAY AT KENMARE COLLEGE.

Canon Greer distributed the prizes at St. George's Parochial Hall at the annual prize distribution in connection with Kenmare College, Dublin. The Principal, Miss Bolton, was presented with a diamond ring by her pupils.

The musical programme consisted of pianoforte items, violin quartette, action songs, and dances. The three-part chorus: "Orpheus with His Lute" (Sullivan) was beautifully rendered by the college choir, under the leadership of Mr. Turner Haggard, F.R.C.O. An item worthy of mention was the pianoforte solo performed by Miss Nora Finlay, L.C.M., a pupil of Mr. Victor Love, Mus.Bac. Another interesting feature was the staging of a fairy play by the pupils of the Infant and Junior School, in which the part of the Queen was well acted by M. McManus.

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MOUNTJOY SCHOOL.

ARCHBISHOP ON IDEALS IN EDUCATION.

The Archbishop of Dublin presided at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of Mountjoy School, Dublin, which was held in St. George's Parochial Hall, Hardwicke place.

The Headmaster, the Rev. W. Anderson, reported that the school was in a flourishing condition, and that a high standard of discipline and industry prevailed in every department. The commercial department had been further strengthened by the appointment of a specialist in civil service and banking subjects.

Old boys had done well in Trinity College. J. J. Stretton and G. H. Hamilton had secured senior moderatorships and gold medals in experimental science; E. R. Willis senior moderatorship and gold medal in mental and moral philosophy, and A. S. Troughton two junior moderatorships and the Brooke prize, which he gained in 1923. Three boys won scholarships this year—R. E. D. Brown and E. P. West in mathematics, and W. J. F. Jessop in science. Five won senior exhibitions in each of the past two years. Sixteen old boys graduated in arts, seven in medicine and six in engineering. Four boys secured the Associateship of the College of Science. Entrance scholarships were won in each of the past two years. A science scholarship of £180 a year for four years, awarded by the Northern Ministry of Education was also secured by an old boy, J. J. Hogg. George Hobson secured the Diploma of the Veterinary College.

The Rev. E. C. Hodges, B.D., had been appointed to Rathmines Parish; E. W. D. Jackson to the Public Works of India; Harry Stokes as Educational Officer of the Air Force, and R. K. Dickie to the Engineering Staff of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.

THE NEW SCHEME.

Referring to the introduction of a new scheme of secondary education, Mr. Anderson said that at the outset the schools had grave cause against the "unbusiness-like precedure of the Ministry." Information as to the new scheme was withheld from the schools till the 18th June, and very inadequate time was allowed for the preparations required for the new term, which began in September. A system of capitation fees and also a salary scale for teachers had been promised, and although both have been nominally in operation as from the 1st August last, no information had yet been given to either teachers or schools on those important items.

The new scheme introduced many radical changes—much too radical, perhaps, and it was as yet too soon to make a serious estimate of their true value. No doubt, experience would suggest necessary modifications. It was, perhaps, not unnatural to find that it displayed a superfluity of idealism and a lack of appreciation of the gap between the ideal and the attainable. More certain progress might have been made if shorter studies had been prescribed.

ARCHBISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Addressing the pupils after the presentation of prizes, the Archbishop said that once again the school had distinguished itself and had maintained its splendid record of success in scholastic work. He wished to speak of the importance of looking beyond school studies, looking outside the profession they hoped to take up—of looking into the whole sphere of life, which they might almost call manhood.

Education was not merely a matter of teaching or training so that one might ultimately be able to earn one's bread and butter. Bread-winning was not the end and the be-all of education. We were put into the world, not that we might earn our bread and butter, but that we might become free, human spirits. Education was the liberation of the human spirit.

SPIRITUAL END OF EDUCATION.

Their parents were perfectly entitled to expect them to be prepared for professions, but there was something greater than that—they should be men. They should grow up free men, men with free spirits. It was a tremendous mistake to think that because a man worked with his hands he was bound to be a boor. There was no limitation upon anyone. He should regard himself as a man who could lift up his spirit, who could enjoy the great pleasures, the great games, the great conditions which the human spirit had won.

In the present Intermediate programme some ideals had been put before them regarding the teaching in English literature. It was held to be more important to know what was suggested by the book that was studied than to be able to learn some lines by heart. He agreed. English literature contained something that they would not find in any other literature. There was something in it—the music, the feeling, the mastery of words—that they would get nowhere else. In English literature they had a treasure unspeakable.

He asked the boys, if they desired to secure the liberation of the spirit, to read "The Golden Treasury." It gave a fair idea of what were the most beautiful things in English literature. His own feeling was that everybody who had really studied, really feasted upon that book, had got such a liberation of his faculties as would encourage him to go farther. If they bore these things in mind they would discover what real happiness was.

CANON GREER'S CONGRATULATIONS.

Canon Greer congratulated the Headmaster, the teaching staff and the pupils on the year's work. Mr. Anderson, he said, had done much for the school, and his interest in the boys did not end when they left. He took a real interest in the welfare and the progress of the boys in after life, and he knew of a great many instances where "old boys" had returned to seek Mr. Anderson's advice and, when they got it, had greatly appreciated it.

ALEXANDRA COLLEGE.

DELIGHTFUL PERFORMANCE ON STUDENTS' DAY.

Last night there was a large gathering of past and present students at Alexandra College for the celebration of Students' Day, and, according to custom, a theatrical performance by the College Dramatic Society formed the chief attraction of the programme.

The play staged in the Jellicoe Hall was Rostand's comedy "The Romantics," which afforded the performers many opportunities of distinguishing themselves. The quaint humour, the effective situations, and the picturesque dresses served to heighten the interest in a very clever presentation of what may truthfully be described as an ambitious play.

Miss Marjorie Lumsden made a very pretty and graceful Sylvette, and gave her lines with much charm, and her romantic lover, Percinet, played by Miss Nora Ringwood, was a delightful personation; but the principal honours of the performance fell to Miss Peggy Cairns in the rôle of Bergamin (Percinet's father), and Miss M. E. Barwell, who played Pasquinot (Sylvette's father). They played up to each other with crisp emphasis, their gestures and asides being admirable. The piece was effectively staged and lighted, and the costumes were exceedingly good.

Others who acted were:—The Misses D. Seddall, P. Brittain, J. Law, and M. Smith. The stage managers were the Misses M. Brooks and E. Orr.

CHARGE AGAINST A RATE COLLECTOR.

COLLECTION SAID TO HAVE BEEN SEIZED.

At a Special Court at Newcastlewest, Peter O'Shaughnessy, rate collector, was charged by the State with the embezzlement of £3,039 8s. 1d., the property of the County Council.

Mr. Walter Brazier, Chief Clerk to the County Council, gave evidence of having checked O'Shaughnessy's rate books on the 15th August, 1924, and found that the sum mentioned was not accounted for in them.

Mr. J. Quaid, Council Secretary, also gave evidence.

In cross-examination, Mr. Quaid produced a minute of the County Council meeting, at which the accused reported that he had been robbed by masked and armed men of receipts representing £800. He saw by the newspapers that Mr. O'Shaughnessy had made a claim in the courts.

The Justice said that the public had the right to demand that the conduct of persons charged with the custody of large sums of public money should be above the shadow of suspicion. The accused would be returned for trial to the Circuit Court, and bails would be allowed.

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YESTERDAY'S CASES IN THE COURTS.

A FARMER'S ESTATE.

JUDGMENT IN SUPREME COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice O'Connor, and Mr. Justice FitzGibbon.)

Judgment was delivered in favour of the defendant in this case of Fayne v. Martin, relating to the estate of the late Peter Donlan, farmer, Longford, in which a declaration was sought that £100 in money and £180 on deposit receipts in the Northern Bank at Lanesborough, in the joint names of the deceased and the defendant, formed part of the assets of the deceased, the plaintiff being executor under the deceased's will.

The Court held that the money mentioned had been given to the defendant by the deceased under such circumstances as constituted a good *donatio mortis causa*, or death-bed gift.

Mr. Serjeant Hanna, K.C.; Mr. Jellett, K.C., and Mr. H. Hughes (instructed by Messrs. Hannon and O'Brien), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Fetherstonhaugh, K.C., and Mr. J. Geoghegan (instructed by Mr. T. W. Delany), for the defendant.

FINAL JUDGMENT MOTION.

TRANSPORT UNION CASE.

The appeal by the plaintiffs in the case of Foran v. Larkin was heard, from a decision of Mr. Justice Murnaghan, refusing an application made on behalf of the plaintiffs, Thomas Foran and William O'Brien, for final judgment with costs, on the ground that the plaintiffs' affidavit did not properly verify the cause of action as set out in their statement of claim.

Mr. Martin Maguire (instructed by Messrs. James O'Connor and Co.) appeared for the appellants and plaintiffs; and Mr. A. E. Wood, K.C., and Mr. James Geoghegan (instructed by Messrs. Wm. Smyth and Sons), for the respondents and defendant.

In the statement of claim the plaintiffs were stated to be Thomas Foran, President, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Queen's square, Dublin; William O'Brien, General Secretary, Botanic road, Dublin; Michael Hill, Roche's Buildings, Cork, and Michael Duffy, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath. It was also stated that the house and premises, No. 54 Upper Beechwood avenue, Ranelagh, Co. Dublin, were held from the plaintiffs on a contract of tenancy, dated 9th October, 1922, at a yearly rent of £52, and that a sum of £63 5s., one year's rent, and upwards, of such rent, was due on 6th October last.

Mr. Maguire, for the appellants, said that this was an appeal from an order of Mr. Justice Murnaghan, of 21st November last, refusing an application for final judgment in a case in which the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, who were trustees, were suing for possession for non-payment of rent of the premises, 54 Upper Beechwood avenue, Ranelagh.

When the case came before Mr. Justice Murnaghan he applied on behalf of the plaintiffs for final judgment, and some confusion arose by reason of the fact that two additional plaintiffs (besides Messrs. Foran and O'Brien) were mentioned in the writ of summons; and Mr. Justice Murnaghan was of opinion—there were no authorities cited—that in the affidavit the cause of action was not properly verified, and that the plaintiffs were not entitled to succeed. Counsel said that he did not think there was any defence to the action either in law or on the merits. In an affidavit put in by the defendant it was stated that she was prepared to pay the amount mentioned together with 30s. costs, and that she had handed the amount to her solicitor.

Mr. Geoghegan, for the defendant, contended that Mr. Justice Murnaghan's order should be affirmed on the ground stated by him.

The Court, holding that the cause of action had not been properly verified, affirmed Mr. Justice Murnaghan's order and dismissed the appeal with costs, refusing Mr. Maguire's application to have the costs made costs in the cause.

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LEGAL DOCUMENTS IN IRISH.

BIG ISSUE RAISED.

Mr. G. Gavan Duffy (instructed by Mr. E. W. Proud, of Messrs. Little, O hUadhaigh and Proud), on behalf of Messrs. Patrick J. Little and Seau O hUadhaigh, solicitors, moved for an order in the nature of *mandamus* directed to Mr. Mark Cooper, K.C., Senior Justice of the District Court for the Metropolitan District, requiring him to sign and issue a summons under the Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers) Act, 1924, against Miss Bridget Murphy. Counsel moved on the affidavit, in Irish, of Mr. Sean O hUadhaigh, and mentioned that the summons was in Irish, and Mr. Cooper on that account refused to sign it.

Mr. Justice Sullivan said that this raised a big issue, and the Court would give leave to serve notice of motion.

A further motion was made by Mr. Duffy (instructed by Messrs. Little, O hUadhaigh and Proud) on behalf of Mr. Patrick Giblin for a similar order directed to the same Justice requiring him to sign a decree in Irish which was prepared and lodged by the solicitors. The affidavit in this case also was made by Mr. O hUadhaigh in Irish.

Leave to serve notice of motion was given for the first motion day of next sittings.

LICENCE FOR BANKRUPT'S PREMISES.

(Before Mr. Justice Johnston.)

In the matter of the bankruptcy of Edward J. Lawler, licensed grocer and publican, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow:

Mr. Lewis C. O'Doherty (instructed by Messrs. Browne and M'Cann), applied on behalf of the Munster and Leinster Bank, as mortgagee, for an order giving the manager of the bank at Dunlavin (Mr. M'Clure) liberty to apply to the Circuit Court for a licence for the premises similar to that hitherto in force, and directing the bankrupt to deliver up possession to Mr. M'Clure forthwith.

A representative of Messrs. Matheson, Ormsby and Prentice, solicitors for the assignees, assented.

The application was granted.

CAPTAIN ARTHUR'S LANDS.

PRESENT OWNER TO SELL.

The lands of Ballyquin Beg, part of the lands of Glenomera, County Limerick, where Captain Charles William Augustus Arthur, the aide-de-camp to "Mr. A." was born, were the subject of an application before the Commissioners of the Dail Eireann Court (Winding-up) Commission yesterday.

The lands were owned by Captain Arthur until 1919, when they were sold and came into the possession of the late James Nolan, Clino, Limerick.

The plaintiff was Mr. James M'Donagh, executor of the deceased, James Nolan, and the defendants were Joseph Nolan, John M. Nolan, James B. Nolan, and his wife, Mary Nolan.

The application was made on behalf of the defendants for an order that the lands of Ballyquin Beg, being part of the lands of Glenomera, and in the possession of Joseph Nolan, be sold by public auction and the purchase money received therefor applied for the payment of all charges on the lands of Glenomera, or, in the alternative, that the said lands of Ballyquin Beg be sold by public auction and the proceedings thereof be held by Mr. James A. Doyle, solicitor, Limerick, on trust for the payment of said charges.

After hearing arguments on both sides the Commissioners made an order that, on payment by Joseph Nolan of all charges and liabilities affecting the lands of Glenomera and thereby completely indemnifying the estate of James Nolan, deceased, against same, the estate and interest of the said deceased in the said lands should be vested in the said Joseph Nolan.

Mr. James Comyn and Mr. Michael Comyn, K.C., were for the plaintiffs; Mr. Michael Vesky appeared for John B. Nolan; Mr. Gerald Burke for James B. Nolan; Mr. Noonan for Joseph Nolan, and Mr. Doherty for Mary Nolan.

CHRISTMAS APPEALS

CHRISTMAS, 1924.

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The Governors of the Hospital again appeal to the friends and supporters of this very deserving Institution, and ask them, when distributing their Christmas Gifts, to remember the Poor, and so gain the Blessings of this Holy season.

The pressure on the funds of the Hospital is very great, and although many have responded generously to the monthly appeal, there are still a great many improvements necessary to make the Hospital comfortable, and the Governors depend on the generosity of the Public to carry them out.

Any sum, no matter how small, will be gratefully received. This is the season of generosity, the season when the needs of the Poor are greatest; and the Governors hope for a response to the call of this great charity.

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CARDINAL LOGUE'S FUNERAL SCENES, Etc.
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BUSTER KEATON
IN
"SHERLOCK Jr."
A Feature Length Comedy.
Daily at 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, and 9.45 p.m.
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IN
"THE OAKDALE MYSTERY."
Daily at 3.0, 5.30 and 8.0 p.m.

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SPECIAL CAROL SERVICE, TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), 7 p.m.
SERVICE WILL BE ALMOST ENTIRELY MUSICAL. SEVERAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS WILL BE RENDERED; ALSO ANTHEM, "O THOU THAT TELLEST" (MESSIAH).

SANDYMOUNT METHODIST CHURCH.
HANDEL'S
"MESSIAH"
WILL BE PERFORMED IN THE ABOVE BY THE
PEMBROKE CHORAL SOCIETY
On MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22, 1924,
At 8 o'clock.
SOLOISTS:
Mrs. VICTOR HANNA.
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Mr. VICTOR COLE.
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At the Organ—
Mr. J. TURNER HUGGARD, F.R.C.O.
Silver Collection in aid of Church Funds.

THE
WEXFORD HUNT BALL
Will be held in the
STRAND HOTEL, ROSSLARE,
On WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31st.
MUSIC BY MR. H. GRATTAN KELLY'S BAND.
Ladies' Tickets £1 0 0
Gentlemen's £1 5 0
After December 27th tickets will be 25/- and 30/-.
Early application is necessary, as number of tickets will be limited.
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THE
LOUTH HUNT BALL
WILL BE HELD AT
BEAULIEU, DROGHEDA
(By kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery).
On MONDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1925,
At 9.30 p.m.
Mr. W. A. MANAHAN'S BAND
(Personally Conducted).
Tickets obtainable from
Mrs. FILGATE,
Lissrenny, Ardee.
Price before January 5th 25/-
After that Date 30/-

THE
CARLOW HUNT BALL
Will be Held
On TUESDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1925,
At
THE CLUB HOUSE, CARLOW.
MANAHAN'S No. 1 BAND
(Personally Conducted).
Tickets 25/- each, can be obtained from:
Captain E. M. Thomas, Belmont, Carlow, or Mrs. Councillan, Johnstown House, Carlow.
Tickets at the door, 30/- each.
Chauffeur Supper Tickets, 2/6

COUNTY LONGFORD HUNT BALL,
CHURCH STREET HALL,
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Catering—Ladies' Hunt Committee.
Music—Wm. Withers' No. 1 Orchestra (personally conducted).
GENTS, 15/-. LADIES, 15/-.
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THE
MEATH HUNT BALL
Will be Held at DOWDSTOWN, on WEDNESDAY, 31st DECEMBER.
Tickets, 30/-, till 24th December, after that 35/-, from Lady EDNA AINSWORTH, Dowdstown, Navan; or Lord HOLMPATRICK, Castleknock.
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Friday, 26th—Dancing, 8 to 12 o'clock.
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NEXT WEEK:—WALTER BENTLEY PRESENTS
THE PARNSTORMERS,
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MIRTH MELODY and HARMONY.
Stronger and better than ever.
Nellie Stoole, Joe Masterson, The Fanjacks.
MATINEE ST. STEPHEN'S DAY, at 2.30 P.M.

THE PAVILION
DUN LAOGHAIRE. 3.30 to 10.15.
A Gripping Drama! LAST DAY OF
"PAVEMENTS OF GOLD,"
STARRING PERCY MARMONT.
At 4.30, 6.50, & 9.10. Two New Comedies, Felix, &c.
Monday:—Wesley Barry, in "The Country Kid."

NATIVITY PLAY
(Written by Katherine Tynan Hinkson),
WITH
FOLK MUSIC AND CAROLS,
in Aid of
TEACH ULTAIN INFANTS' HOSPITAL AND ST. JOSEPH'S HOME (COOLE),
WILL BE ACTED BY CHILDREN OF KILLINEY AND BALLYBRACK,
IN THE
TOWN HALL, DALKEY.
PROCESSION OF THE IRISH SAINTS OF IRELAND, WITH THEIR EMBLEMS.
TO-MORROW (SUNDAY),
3.30 P.M.,
AND ON
26th, 27th, 28th & 29th DECEMBER.
ADMISSION—
UNRESERVED (or pay at door) ... 1/-
RESERVED 2/-
CHILDREN UNDER 12 ..... 6d.
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IMPERIAL BALLROOM (Clery's).
DANCES TO-DAY,
4 to 6 p.m.—3/-. Miss Weiner and Saxophone.
8 p.m.—5/-. Adelaide Orpheus Band.
TWO BANDS ON DEC. 27th & 31st.
Saker's London Band and Orpheus Band.
T. LEGGETT BYRNE.

A JUVENILE
FANCY DRESS DANCE
(Arranged by Miss MURIEL CATT)
In Aid of the
ROYAL CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL
(CHILDREN'S WARD),
Will be held in the
ENGINEERS' HALL, DAWSON STREET,
TO-DAY (SATURDAY), DECEMBER 20th, 1924.
From 3 till 6.30 p.m.
CLARKE BARRY'S BAND (Personally Conducted).
Prizes will be awarded for the
PRETTIEST AND MOST ORIGINAL COSTUMES
Tickets (including Tea)—Dancers..... 4/6
Spectators..... 3/6
May be obtained at the Door.

CARLISLE ATHLETIC UNION.
THE SIXTH GRAND ALL-NIGHT
CARNIVAL DANCE
Will be held on
TUESDAY, 23rd DECEMBER, 1924,
At METROPOLE BALLROOM.
DANCING 10-4.
GREAT FOX-TROT COMPETITION (open to all).
TWO SILVER CUPS TO BE WON OUTRIGHT.
JUDGING BY WELL-KNOWN THEATRICAL CELEBRITIES.
Miss Billie Weiner's Specialty and Augmented Orchestra. All the Latest Novelties and Carnival Effects.
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ANNUAL DANCE
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FRIDAY, 16th JANUARY. DANCING 9 p.m.
ADELAIDE MELODY BAND.
Application for Tickets (£1 1/- each) should be made to
T. J. MELEADY, 81 Lower Mount street.
J. E. McGRATH, 3 Bachelor's Walk.

GREATEST JOY OF THE NEW YEAR.
CHILDREN'S
GRAND
FANCY DRESS BALL
IN AID OF
NATIONAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL,
HOLLES STREET,
WILL BE HELD
AT THE IMPERIAL BALLROOM
(CLERY'S),
On MONDAY, JAN. 12th, 1925.
VALUABLE PRIZES. 3 p.m. to 6.
TICKETS 5/-
TO BE FOLLOWED BY
GRAND CINDERELLA,
8 TO 11.
TICKETS 5/-
Tickets to be had at the Hospital; or from Mrs. R. J. White, Hon. Sec., 23 Merrion square.

THE ANNUAL.
CHILDREN'S GRAND CARNIVAL
AND
FANCY DRESS BALL
Will be held in the
ROUND ROOM, MANSION HOUSE,
On NEW YEAR'S EVE,
DECEMBER 31st, 4 to 8 O'CLOCK,
To Provide Help for the Poor Children in the West of Ireland, and in Dublin,
Under the direction of
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Assisted by a large Committee.
GRAND CONFETTI BATTLE. ADMN BAND.
Tickets—4/- single, 7/6 double, 10/6 treble (one family). Spectators 2/- each. Tea 6d. extra.
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Will hold a Present for every Child Dancer.
Two Prizes for each Costume under heading Artistic, Original and Cheap.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME,
Under the direction of
MISS MAY LEE,
At
CLYDAGH HOTEL,
GREYSTONES.
CHRISTMAS EVE.
Bridge Drive. Snooker Pool Competition. Cinderella Dance 9 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
Concert, 4 p.m. Gala Dinner, 7.30 p.m.
Dancing and Games.
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.
Tea Dance. Whist Drive, 4 p.m.
Fancy Dress Carnival Ball, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
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TOWN HALL, DALKEY,
SATURDAY 3rd JANUARY,
IN AID OF DALKEY NURSING FUND.
Prizes by Votes of Spectators.
CHILDREN 5/-
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A BIG SURPRISE.
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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

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SPECIAL TWO-FEATURE PROGRAMMES.
"THE BAD MAN,"
featuring HOLBROOK BLINN, ENID BENNET.
Showing at 4.15, 6.45, and 9.15.
The Great Montenegrin War Film,
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With ELENA SANGRO.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.
WE WISH TO ADVISE OUR NUMEROUS PATRONS THAT WE HAVE SECURED THE
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OF THE
APOCALYPSE
FOR ALL NEXT WEEK.
THIS IS
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ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY.
LECTURES FOR JUVENILES.
In the Royal College of Surgeons, Stephen's Green.
By Kind Permission of President and Council.
MONDAY, December 29—"Geological Rambles Around Dublin," by Mr. Louis Bonvier Smyth, M.A., Sc.B.
WEDNESDAY, December 31—"Bird Life and the Balance of Nature," by Mr. C. B. Moffat.
FRIDAY, January 2—"Great Engineering Achievements," by Professor Pierce F. Purcell, M.A., M.A.I., M.Inst.C.E.
MONDAY, January 5—"Light and Colour," by Mr. Horace H. Poole, M.A., Sc.D.
WEDNESDAY, January 7—"The Principles and Construction of Wireless Receiving Sets," by Mr. F. R. A. McCormack, A.R.C.Sc.I.
FRIDAY, January 9—"The Electricity of the Air," by Professor J. J. Nolan, M.A., D.Sc.
The Lectures will be delivered at 4 p.m. Tickets for the course 6/-. Single Lecture 1/-. Members Free.

CHRISTMAS FAIR,
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GRAMAPHONE RECITALS.
THE
WATERFORD HUNT BALL
Will be held in
THE TOWN HALL, WATERFORD,
On FRIDAY, JAN. 2nd, 1925.
Mr. W. A. Manahan's No. 1 Band of ten performers. Personally conducted.
Catering by Messrs. Mills.
Tickets:—Gentlemen, 25/-; Ladies, 20/-. After December 29th 5/- extra per ticket will be charged.
All Tickets to be obtained from the Hon. Secs.:
T. H. GALLWEY, Lockfield, Tramore, County Waterford;
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

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BACK LANE.
A PUBLIC MEETING
In Aid of this Institution
Will be held in
OAK ROOM, MANSION HOUSE,
ON
TO-MORROW (SUNDAY)
At 4 p.m.
HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP
Has kindly promised to Preside.
The Meeting will be addressed by several prominent citizens.
N.B.—THE ADMISSIONS TO THE NIGHT SHELTER SINCE JANUARY LAST NUMBERED
37,264, AND 74,340 MEALS
WERE GIVEN FREE.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
APPOINTMENT OF
JUNIOR RATES CLERK.
Applications are invited in connection with an Appointment as Junior Rates Clerk under the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch). The age limits for the position (which will be established and pensionable after a period of probation) are 22 to 30 years, and the salary scale £100, rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £250 with the appropriate Civil Service cost of living bonus.
Candidates with approved experience may be allowed to enter the scale at a salary above the minimum. To be eligible for the post, candidates must have had experience of Rates work in the Railway Service.
The Applications will be reviewed by a Board of Selection to be set up by the Civil Service Commissioners, preference will be given to candidates who have served in the National Forces.
Candidates should apply to the Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch), 14 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, for the Form of Application, which should be completed by them and returned to the same address not later than 31st December, 1924.
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THE GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.
DEBENTURE STOCKS, ORIGINAL STOCK, FOUR PER CENT. GUARANTEED PREFERENCE STOCK, AND FOUR PER CENT. PREFERENCE STOCK.
Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of this Company relating to above Stocks will be Closed on the evening of the 31st December, 1924
C. C. H. RILEY, Secretary.
Kingsbridge Terminus, Dublin,
22nd December, 1924.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.
At the General Meeting of the Proprietors of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, held at Kingsbridge Terminus, Dublin, on Friday, the 19th day of December, 1924, the Right Hon. Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., P.C., D.L., Chairman of the Company, in the chair, it was—
RESOLVED—That the Common Seal of the Company be affixed to the Register of Proprietors.
RESOLVED—That the Report of Directors and Statement of Accounts attached thereto, as circulated among the Proprietors, be adopted.
RESOLVED—That the interim Dividends paid for the half-year ended the 30th day of June, 1924, less Income Tax, are hereby declared and shall be deemed to rank as Dividends for the year of Account, 1924, as follows:—
At the rate of £4 per cent. per annum on the Guaranteed Preference Stock.
At the rate of £4 per cent. per annum on the Four Per Cent. Preference Stock.
At the rate of £3 per cent. per annum on the Ordinary Consolidated Stock of the Company.
At the rate of £1 10s. per cent. per annum on the Geashill Extension Stock.
Also that the Dividends paid on the undermentioned Shares for the half-year ended 30th April, 1924, at the rate of £4 per cent. per annum on the Baronial Guaranteed Shares, Co. Mayo, and at the rate of £4 per cent. per annum on the Baronial Guaranteed Shares, Co. Sligo, be and are hereby declared.
Also that a Dividend be declared on the undermentioned Shares for the period of two months ended 30th June 1924, at the rate of £4 per cent. per annum on the Baronial Guaranteed Shares, Co. Mayo, and at the rate of £4 per cent. per annum on the Baronial Guaranteed Shares, Co. Sligo, which dividends will be paid on the 1st March, 1925, to the Proprietors registered on the 30th June, 1924.
RESOLVED—That in accordance with the provisions of the Railways Act, 1924, and of the Railways (Great Southern) Preliminary Amalgamation Scheme, 1924, the sum of £5,760 be voted out of the assets of the Company for distribution among the Directors who cease to act, as compensation for loss by abolition of office, and not as remuneration in respect of past services.
WILLIAM J. GOULDING, Chairman.
C. C. H. RILEY, Secretary.
A vote of thanks to the Chairman and Directors, proposed by Sir John Harley Scott, seconded by James G. Akorn, Esq., was passed unanimously.
C. C. H. RILEY, Secretary.
Dated this 19th day of December, 1924.
Kingsbridge Terminus, Dublin.

NOTICE TO MOTORISTS.
MOTOR TAXATION DEPARTMENT,
COUNTY DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.
Notice is hereby given that the Office for Licensing and Registration will be CLOSED from the 24th inst. to the 27th inst., both days inclusive.
By Order,
S. UA LAOIDHLEIS, Registrar.
11 Parnell square, Dublin,
19th day of December, 1924.

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We can supply real "Havanas" from £25 per 100 to 50/-, the latter in boxes of 50 only.
Home manufactured cigars of Havana and other high-class tobaccos have greatly improved, and can be thoroughly recommended.
Purchasers will greatly oblige by letting us have their orders as soon as possible if for Christmas delivery.
For Residents in the Free State who wish to send Cigars, Cigarettes, or Tobacco to friends outside we have made arrangements with our agents across the water to forward on parcels. This will mean that the parcels will arrive free, no costs for duty, etc., being then charged on delivery, as there would be if despatched from the Free State.
Orders of this description should reach us not later than this morning, 20th.
Customers can select from a large and varied selection of Barling and Dunhill Pipes, Ilich-Class Cigar and Cigarette Tubes, also Pouches, in all the latest leathers, as well as in poplin-covered oil silk, our speciality.

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WE SHALL BE OPEN LATE TO-DAY.
THE 26th, BUT WILL CLOSE EARLY ON THE 27th.

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XMAS, 1924.
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beg to announce that they will remain Open until 6 p.m. To-day (Saturday), 20th December. They will be CLOSED from 6 p.m., 24th Dec., until 9 a.m., 29th Dec.
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112 GRAFTON ST., DUBLIN.

PUBLIC NOTICES.
CHURCH OF IRELAND TRAINING COLLEGE.
In connection with TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 1925
NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY.
The Examination for Admission WILL BE HELD AT EASTER, 1925.
Special attention is drawn to the increased salaries of Teachers in National Schools, and to the fact that all who enter the Training College become at once Students of Trinity College, Dublin.
A Preparation Class for a limited number of candidates will be formed at Kildare place in January. Those who desire a place should write at once for particulars.
Please apply for Prospectus to Rev. THE PRINCIPAL, Kildare place, Dublin. Entrance Programme, price 6d., can be obtained from Kildare place, or from Messrs. Eason.
Application Forms, which will be issued on and after November 1st, 1924, must be returned before January 24th, 1925.

SERMONS.
RATHGAR METHODIST CHURCH.
TO-MORROW'S SERVICES:
11.30 a.m.—REV. JAMES M. ALLEY.
Subject: "When Jesus Was Born."
7 p.m.—REV. R. LEE COLE, M.A., B.D.
Subject: "The Sanity of Jesus."
CHRISTMAS MUSIC.
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE,
8 A.M.

UNITARIAN CHURCH, STEPHEN'S GREEN.
SUBJECTS,
TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), DECEMBER 21st—
12—High Water and Low Water.
7—"The Evil That Men Do."
PREACHER—
REV. E. SAVELL HICKS, M.A.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
(NORTH KING STREET).
HANDEL'S "MESSIAH,"
MONDAY, DEC. 22, 7.45 P.M.
Soloists: Miss Kathleen Milligan, Mrs. A. E. Hughes, Mr. R. Dawson, Mr. G. A. White.
At the Organ—Mr. R. Bridge Whelan.

SANDFORD PARISH CHURCH.
TO-MORROW.
11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Preacher—His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Dublin. Anthem—"Now Once Again Our Hearts We Raise" (Fletcher).
7 p.m.—United Parade Service of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. Dedication of Guide Colours. Preacher—The Rev. Canon Monk Gibbon, M.A. Carols will be sung at this Service.
The Offertories at all Services will be in aid of the School Fund.

CHURCH OF IRELAND HOME MISSION SOCIETY.
Sermons will be Preached
TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), DECEMBER 21:
3.30—CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.
Canon Deane—"Conec—International Peace."
7—ST. MATTHIAS'—REV. R. BIRD, D.S.O.
"The Bible and Archæology."
7—ST. KEVIN'S—REV. W. BAILLIE.
"The Authority of the Bible."

HUGUENOT SUNDAY, 1924, in St. Luke's Church, Dublin—The Anniversary Sermons on the coming of the Huguenots to Dublin consequent upon the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, 1685, will (D.V.) be preached in St. Luke's Church, To-morrow (Sunday), the 21st December, 1924. Morning Service, 11.30 o'clock, by the Rev. J. Furser Short, B.A. Curate of St Catherine's. Evening Service, 7 o'clock, by the Rev. Robert Northridge, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew's. The Collections will be on behalf of the Sustentation Fund of St. Nicholas and St. Luke.

CITY OF DUBLIN Y.M.C.A.,
LOWER ABBEY STREET.
TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) NIGHT (D.V.),
BRIGHT EVANGELISTIC SERVICE,
8.30 p.m. ..... Singing from 8.10 p.m.
Testimonies by
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The Irish Times.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1924.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The registration of the Anglo-Irish Treaty was the subject of a series of questions in the Dail yesterday.—(Page 7.)

The deadlock on the Liquor Bill was ended yesterday as the result of a conference between members of the Senate and Dail. The new Act will come into force at the end of next week.—(Page 7.)

A statement on the Shannon scheme was made in the Dail yesterday by Mr. McGilligan. The experts favour the Shannon scheme.—(Page 7.)

Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Minister of Justice, in the Dail yesterday, defended the action of the Civic Guards in ensuring the rights of workers during the Labour dispute in Wicklow.—(Page 7.)

FINANCIAL.

Sir William Goulding presided over the final meeting of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company yesterday. The dividends were approved, and a sum of £5,760 was voted, after strong protests, as compensation to directors who have had to retire under the amalgamation scheme.—(Page 11.)

London Stock Markets were very active, especially for Industrials, Oils, Rubbers, Teas, and some base metal shares.—(Page 11.)

Treasury bills commanded a higher rate, the average being just over 3½ per cent. Discount rates were higher. Overnight loans were made at 2½-3½ per cent.—(Page 11.)

In Dublin the Stock Market was firm, Guinness, Imperial Tobaccos and some Railway Stocks were strong and higher.—(Page 11.)

Shannon and Spree.

The plans of Messrs. Siemens-Schuckert, of Berlin, for the development of electric power from the River Shannon have been approved—with minor modifications—by the Scandinavian and Swiss experts to whom they were submitted by the Free State Government. They are ambitious, complicated and far-reaching, and the Minister for Industry and Commerce must be congratulated on the lucidity with which he explained them yesterday in *Dail Eireann*. Messrs. Siemens-Schuckert propose, in the first instance, a partial development of the Shannon by means of a single power station. This would produce 150 million units of electricity *per annum*—a more than ample supply for the present need of the Free State, which require less than 50 million units *per annum*. The plans undertake to furnish electricity in Dublin at a cost of one halfpenny *per* unit, and the total cost of the partial development is estimated at £5,200,000. Messrs. Siemens-Schuckert encourage the hope that, within a few years, the profits of this enterprise would pay interest at the rate of 5½ *per cent.* on the capital outlay. Plans are submitted also for a later and larger development of the Free State's water-power, which would be effected at a total cost of something less than £8,000,000. The independent experts are of opinion that the development of electrical power from the Liffey would not be desirable at present. Mr. McGilligan says that, some time ago, he invited the promoters of the Liffey schemes to hold their hands until the experts had reported, but rather serious misunderstandings seem to have arisen on this point.

Mr. McGilligan's summary suggests various criticisms. The German firm's undertaking, for instance, to supply electricity in Dublin at one-halfpenny a unit postulates an annual demand for 150 million units. Can it honour that undertaking in the interval when the demand is being increased from 50 million units to 150 million units by the creation of new industries; and, if it fails, who save the Free State taxpayer will pay the difference between the actual cost *per* unit and the theoretical half-penny? For the moment, however, we may leave such criticism to the apparently disfranchised promoters of the Liffey schemes, who, we imagine, will not be chary of it. The immediately important fact is the *status* which the Siemens-Schuckert plans have acquired from the endorsement of the independent experts. Furthermore, we are entitled to infer from Mr. McGilligan's speech that the Government regards the plans not merely with approval, but with enthusiasm, and almost certainly will ask the *Oireachtas* to accept them. If the *Oireachtas* is willing to pass the necessary legislation, the Government, by the terms of its agreement with Messrs. Siemens-Schuckert, may promote this Shannon scheme as a State matter or may give the German firm the first option to execute it. In the former event, all the Government's obligations to the firm would be discharged by the payment of a sum of £10,000. If the Government decides to promote the scheme as a State enterprise, it is prepared, under certain conditions, to give Messrs. Siemens-Schuckert the contract for the supply of all material and for the construction of all works.

The whole affair raises an issue which is far more momentous than the fate of any industrial project. Many good Irishmen, knowing what the national interests demand, have feared that this German enterprise might result in a steadily increasing encroachment of German influence, financial and economic, upon the Free State. If the great organisation in Berlin should be permitted to develop the Shannon, new industries would be required for the consumption of the new power; and German technology would be more than willing, by creating them, to reap a rich harvest in this country and to find here expanding markets for German exports. There are a hundred reasons why the Free State should welcome industrial development on a large scale, but there are just as many reasons why Germany should not take charge of that development. The Free State is a Dominion of the British Commonwealth. The paramount instinct throughout the Commonwealth to-day is for closer co-operation between all its members, and she would defy that instinct to her own grievous harm. What measure of imperial preference is the British Government likely to give to this country if she chooses deliberately to make her financial and economic alliances with Berlin rather than with London and Manchester? We are glad that Mr. McGilligan seems to recognise the danger. We gather that, if Parliament endorses the Siemens-Schuckert scheme, it will be developed as a State enterprise, and that this firm, if employed at all, will be employed as ordinary contractors. Without such conditions, indeed, and without a fair field for British competition in the matter of supplies, the scheme has no prospect of success. It would be sheer folly to invite either the home money market or the British money market to finance a loan of £5,000,000 for the Teutonisation of Ireland.

Decency Wins.

Yesterday the deadlock in connection with Mr. Kevin O'Higgins's Liquor Bill was resolved on the time-honoured basis of "splitting the difference." Our readers will remember that the Senate originally proposed two amendments to the Bill. One of them was in favour of the complete closing of public-houses on Saint Patrick's Day, and the other proposed structural alterations in those licensed premises which are known as "mixed" establishments. The *Dail* refused to accept either of these amendments—both of which were clauses in Mr. O'Higgins's original Bill—and the Senate declared that it would not abandon them. Consequently it was feared that the whole measure would be "held up" for the constitutional period of two hundred and seventy days, until Mr. Thomas Johnson suggested that the Gordian knot might be cut by the appointment of a joint committee of both Houses to explore the possibilities of settlement. The committee met, and announced yesterday that accommodation had been reached. The *Dail* agreed to accept the Senate's amendment in regard to Saint Patrick's Day, while the Senate in return consented to renounce its demand for structural alterations. This agreement removes the last obstacle to the Liquor Bill, which now will become the law of the land. While we regret the abandonment of the Senate's insistence on structural alterations, our regret is tempered with satisfaction at the great moral victory which has been won in regard to Saint Patrick's Day. In the long run the "trade" is likely to pay the price of its obstinacy; for we presume that, now that his Bill is safe, Mr. O'Higgins will lose no further time in the appointment of the Commission which he has undertaken to establish in order to investigate the whole problem of the liquor trade in the Free State. The primary object of this Commission will be the reduction, if possible, of existing licences by some fifty *per cent.*; and, if it does its work properly, the problem of "mixed houses" will be likely to solve itself. If the influence of the "trade" should prove again to be decisive, the weapon of the referendum will remain available. The whole controversy has been useful in so far as it has revealed two things. In the first place, the Senate has awakened to consciousness of its own powers; and, in the next place, public opinion has asserted itself in the Free State almost for the first time since the country became autonomous. But for the Senate's plucky stand against a drunken Saint Patrick's Day the "trade" would have had its will of *Dail Eireann* to the lasting detriment of the Free State's *prestige* at home and abroad; and it is safe to say that the attitude of the Upper House was a direct reflection of enlightened opinion throughout the country. Mr. O'Higgins is to be congratulated on his championship of decency and on the success which has rewarded it. He has won the first round of the fight against the drink evil, but a great deal remains to be done before final victory can be claimed.

Wembley.

The Free State Government is seeking to ascertain, through the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, the extent to which the country's business interests would support participation in next year's British Empire Exhibition. The Government's estimate of expense is £3 *per* square foot for an area of 2,500 square feet and £2 *per* square foot for an area of 15,000 square feet. It has been made clear that business interests in the Free State are favourable to the project of an exhibit at Wembley next year. An opportunity is presented now to state this attitude in unequivocal fashion and to give the Government every possible encouragement. This opportunity should not be neglected. If our business men do not seize it, they will have themselves to blame for the consequent loss to Irish trade. The statement from the Chamber of Commerce urges the point that there must be no unnecessary

FREE STATE POWER.

CONTINENTAL EXPERTS FAVOUR THE SHANNON SCHEME.

INITIAL COST £5,000,000.

ELECTRICITY AT A LOWER RATE THAN FROM THE LIFFEY.

NO GERMAN "STRANGLE-HOLD."

THE Continental experts who have been investigating the possibilities of the provision of water-power in the Irish Free State have reported in favour of the Siemens-Schuckert scheme for harnessing the Shannon, with a few modifications. Mr. McGilligan, the Minister of Industry and Commerce, made this statement in the Dail, and at the same time circulated a summary of their conclusions. The principal points in the experts' report, which occupies 400 pages, are as follows:—

It is estimated that the initial annual consumption of electricity in the Free State would be 150 million units. A scheme for electrification might be based either on numerous local stations, adapted to local conditions, or on concentrated large plants. The latter arrangement is recommended, and the experts consider that the partial electrification of the Shannon would be the best first step, as it would supply to the whole Free State area some 225 million units.

The experts argue strongly against the electrification of the Liffey at the present stage, declaring that it is too small to yield good results, and should be left until it can be electrified as a supplementary source of power to the large national scheme. At present the partial electrification of the Shannon would enable electricity to be supplied to Dublin cheaper than it could be supplied from the Liffey.

The cost of carrying out the partial development of the Shannon power is estimated at about £5,000,000, this including the cost of conveying the electricity produced to the towns and villages of the Free State, and also the cost of preliminary works for the scheme of complete electrification of the Shannon. The cost of the complete scheme is estimated at nearly £8,000,000.

These estimated costs include interest on capital for five years, after which it is expected that the scheme would begin to yield a profit, and the payment of 5½ per cent. interest on capital would be possible.

It is calculated that as soon as the partial electrification of the Shannon was carried out electricity could be supplied to Dublin at slightly over a halfpenny a unit, and ultimately, on the completion of the whole scheme, electricity should be supplied to the entire Free State at a farthing a unit.

The scheme for the development of the Shannon, say the experts, would greatly improve navigation between Lough Derg and Limerick, and arrangements are contemplated to preserve the fisheries.

It is mentioned that, while the Free State does not possess extremely large water-power, the coincidence between water quantities and energy demand is exceptionally good, while all the costs as calculated compare favourably with costs in other countries.

German financial backing for the scheme, said Mr. McGilligan, was not contemplated. The question whether it should be a State or a private enterprise had not been decided.

MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN THE DAIL.

Mr. McGilligan, the Minister for Industry and Commerce, stated in the Dail that the report on the Siemens-Schuckert scheme was presented in such detail that it would be impossible for him to give any real account of the development of the scheme that night.

The experts' report was first drawn up in German, and was signed by them in that language. A translation of it had to be done, and this had been referred back to the German firm in order to see that there was no change in the translation. Some of the larger details, and certain chapters of the experts' report were, however, sufficient to enable a decision to be taken on the further development of the scheme. The position at present was that the contract had been carried to a certain point. Certain modifications had been proposed with regard to certain minor points of detail.

At the time when the white paper was presented to the Dail last March it was known that certain private bills were in contemplation, dealing with the development of the River Liffey, and the paper was issued so that these promoters might know what was being done.

Mr. Johnson—What do you mean by contract? Is it a contract to pay £10,000, or a contract to carry anything forward to a certain stage?

Mr. McGilligan said that it was a contract by the Government with the Siemens-Schuckert Company that in the case of certain eventualities the Government would proceed with the scheme as detailed in the white paper, the £10,000 being only one point in the contract.

Mr. Johnson—But subject to private bill legislation?

THE LIFFEY SCHEMES.

PROPOSAL FOR DELAY MADE AT A CONFERENCE.

Mr. McGilligan said that the details of the scheme were to be worked out in some way, either by public or private bill legislation, as circumstances required, and subject to the ordinary Parliamentary procedure. Before the promoters of the bills before the Private Bill Committee had proceeded to put before them proposals that they should refrain from procedure before the Committee until such time as the experts had made their report.

At Mr. Figgis's suggestion, the Minister read a letter received after the conference, in which the promoters offered to give information concerning their schemes to the Minister, and in return asked for information regarding the Shannon scheme. "They have in the meantime decided that they cannot enter into any arrangement which would interfere with the Committee of the Oireachtas in discharging the duties committed to it." The Minister suggested that that sentence referred to a suggestion of his that proceedings should be delayed.

Mr. Figgis—That I flatly and absolutely deny.

The Minister answered that that was a matter to be proved in some other way. He believed that he had acted in a way to preclude what he was then in a state to judge was useless and wasteful expenditure. The bills, however, were proceeding before the Private Bills Committee.

COST OF CURRENT.

HALFPENNY A UNIT IN DUBLIN.

The Minister went on to refer to a volume of 400 pages, which he described as the scheme—or, rather, a portion of it, diagrams and plans occupying still greater space—and said that it dealt with the matter in the most minute detail, and had been examined with the same minuteness by the experts.

The scheme as presented, he said, opened with a statement taken from the great Power Conference held this year at Wembley, in which allusion is made to the dependence of future economic development on the utilisation of the available power resources in any country. The report continues that it must be a matter for wonder that the economic progress of this country has been so dependent on imported coal, in spite of the fact that this country is "in the enviable position of possessing several large sources of water power which could be utilised to develop electrical energy." It went on to say that it is clear that there should now be an effort made to retrieve what had been so far neglected, and to raise the country to the degree of culture and industrial development as other nations of the world enjoy.

An anticipation is made in the early portions of the report of a final figure, showing the cost of power in the Free State with the Shannon developed. That figure is compared with two main stations in Germany and eight in Switzerland, and the rate at which current could be supplied and sold in bulk by stations in the Free State after the development of the river compares very favourably with those ten stations. Only two stations out of the ten had really a lower figure than that given for the Free State.

Mr. Johnson—At the place of production?

The Minister—The figures are given in various ways, including a price delivered here in Dublin. The figure given here is not the figure with which I shall afterwards have to deal—the figure of .5 of a penny that is the price at which it is understood power can be delivered in bulk to Dublin under the partial development of the river recommended by the experts.

DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

In addition to dealing with water power development, the Minister continued, the report said that the development they proposed would not flood any area, but would drain areas already flooded. A recommendation was made by the experts that a full drainage scheme, apart from the drainage actually necessary for the purposes of the development, should be taken in hands by the Government without delay. They showed how further flooding could be avoided and present flooding relieved. Those plans had been approved by the experts.

Incidentally, there was the question of canal rectification. A particular project for canal rectification in the neighbourhood of Limerick, estimated by the Canal Commission to cost about £250,000, would be included in the development of the Shannon.

PARTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

With regard to water-power, it was very necessary to proceed with a partial development which would not block complete development later.

If under that scheme land had to be acquired compulsorily it would have to be valued at the ordinary rate, and not at a special rate because it was required for the canal.

THE POWER-HOUSE.

A power-house was to be erected three miles north of Limerick, where the turbines necessary for the development of the river would be installed.

In addition, there was the question of navigation, which would be protected.

At present only barges of 80 tons can make the journey from Limerick to Killaloe. Under the scheme for partial development there is provision for barges of 150 tons from Limerick to Killaloe, and, furthermore, for the deepening of the river to make a connection between the canal harbour at Limerick and the ocean harbour. Under the scheme for the fullest development of the river ships of 1,000 tons can pass through the canal and up the river.

CANAL OF 6½ MILES.

The canal itself will run for about 6½ miles from Ardnacrusha, 100 yards wide, and with a depth sufficient for the fullest development of the scheme. In the power station are to be installed, under the partial scheme, three machine sets capable of developing 30,000 horse-power. Under the large scheme there would be about 150 miles of embankments along the river.

At present the area liable to flooding by the river was about 11,000 acres, and under the full scheme all that would be drained, and, in addition, the flooded portion of the river's catchment area would also be drained. Under the smaller development the experts recommend that there should be undertaken the complete drainage of the present flooded area.

DISTRIBUTION SCHEMES.

He next outlined the scheme for distribution of the power, and explained that there will be two main lines from the generating station at Ardnacrusha to Dublin, *via* Maryborough, and to Cork. Besides, there will be subsidiary lines with 30,000 k.w., and from those lines there will be branch lines of 10,000 k.w. The result will be that on the completion of the scheme a supply of electricity will be brought to the outskirts of the majority of towns and villages of at least 500 population. Provision was made for that with the capital expenditure, but the transmission of the electricity to the outskirts would not be carried out unless within the three-year period it was made clear that the inhabitants of the town or village desired to get electricity.

COST OF £5,200,000.

The actual cost of the scheme recommended was put down as £5,200,000. That covered, first of all, the deepening of the Shannon to Killaloe, the removal of the weir there, the protection of the banks and work on certain bridges. It also covered the erection and the equipment of the power station and the deepening of the canal below the station, the provision of railway sidings from Limerick docks to the railway station and by Long-pavement to the power-house. Furthermore, the estimate provided for the transmission network of lines.

It was impossible at the moment to say what was the proportion of the cost of the transmission to that of generation, but in the carrying out of the partial development recommended by the experts was included the provision of canals of such a size that they would not have to be enlarged for the fullest utilisation of the Shannon.

On the subject of the utilisation of electrical power for industrial purposes many suggestions were made as to how new industries might be promoted and existing industries helped.

At present he was only trying to put before them some of the more general aspects of the whole scheme before going on to deal with all that the experts had said.

The Minister dealt with the portion of the

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WICKLOW DISPUTE.

MR. O'HIGGINS ON THE WORKERS' RIGHTS.

DEFENCE OF POLICE ACTION.

Mr. O'Higgins, Minister of Justice, in the Dail yesterday defended the action of the Civic Guards in enforcing the right of men to work during the present labour dispute in Wicklow. The Minister's statement was made in reply to speeches by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Everett, who complained of the action of the Civic Guards during the recent disturbances.

Mr. Johnson, on the motion for the adjournment, raised the question of police action in dispersing a crowd. He detailed the circumstances (as communicated to him) of the occurrences in Wicklow last Monday morning. He complained particularly of the action of the police superintendent in deciding that no trade dispute existed at the time, and that the people assembled must be dispersed by a baton charge. If the police were going to use batons as the first method of action when they wished to disperse a crowd, he said it was practically telling the military in similar circumstances to fire as a first action, using the weapon at their command. The police would have to be warned that the baton was not to be used as an offensive weapon for the purpose of dispersing a crowd.

Mr. Everett, who is a trade union official at Wicklow, made a statement of the circumstances, and said that the Guards had taken a personal dislike to himself. He alleged that the Superintent of Police told him that he should be shot and thrown into the river, and that he was a liar and a "bousy." Mr. Everett said that it was not the wish of the Superintendent and the Guards in Wicklow that he was alive that night, and that the Civic Guards had acted worse than the Black and Tans had ever done. The workers should take up a different attitude in that House. There was no use in going there to be treated with contempt.

Mr. O'Higgins said that he was glad of the opportunity of dealing with the matter raised by Mr. Johnson. On the reports which had come to his Department he arrived at the conclusion that the Guards had acted in a commendable manner, with creditable restraint, and with the necessary determination in vindication of the law. It did not lie within the right of any man, whether he was a trade unionist or not, to prevent any other man who was willing to work from working.

He wanted deputies to recognise that no assembly was above the law, or had a right to prevent any man from working. Mr. O'Higgins then read the reports rendered to him by the police officers, who stated that the superintendent on duty came to the conclusion that the crowd accompanying Mr. Everett on the quay was there for the purpose of intimidating men who were employed on a job, that the crowd refused to budge when called on to disperse, and that when the Guards on duty began to move them on various missiles were thrown before the baton charge was ordered. On these reports and interviews with the officers, he said that he had come to the conclusion that the Guards had acted quite properly.

Mr. Everett—I hold that a body of men there to do peaceful picketing has a right to do it.

Mr. O'Higgins said that the deputy had no right to stop by violence any man from working at any job, no matter what union he belonged to. A claim to such a right was an anarchical proposition, to prevent which he thought the Guards ought to use force to the utmost, and they would even be justified and bound to call in another force, if necessary, with other weapons.

Peaceful picketing had been given an extraordinary interpretation in Labour circles, especially in Dublin, in the last few years; and peaceful picketing seemed to mean anything from a black eye to a broken neck. From the information at his disposal, the Guards in Wicklow had acted in a way which he hoped would be taken up by Guards throughout the country.

Mr. Johnson asked if it was the duty of the Civic Guard to decide what was a trade dispute.

Mr. O'Higgins said that he was confining himself to the information at his disposal. It was not only a right, but a duty of the Guards to decide what was peaceful picketing. If there were ten trade disputes in Wicklow no body of men should prevent others from working. There was a responsibility on the police to see that no man who wanted to work for a wage, or any consideration, was prevented from working.

With reference to the language reported by Mr. Everett, the Minister said that if it were established that such language was used he certainly would see that appropriate action was taken.

Mr. Corish referred to the Minister's remark that the Guard's action should be a headline to the police all over the country, and said that the statement would lead to Guards to go round the country wild, beating the heads of men, women and children of the State.

The discussion was continued with considerable warmth, Mr. O'Higgins being interrupted at almost every sentence by Labour deputies.

Mr. Everett was checked by the Speaker, and, continuing to speak excitedly while two members of his own party were also endeavouring to make themselves heard, he was ordered to sit down. He did not obey the Speaker immediately, but calls or "Order" prevented his remarks from being heard.

The discussion was concluded at 10.35 by the Speaker's announcement that the Dail was adjourned till February 3rd, 1925.

THE "FREEMAN'S JOURNAL."

After a career of one hundred and sixty-one years—it was first issued in the year of 1763—the *Freeman's Journal* yesterday ceased publication, and with it the other publications of the *Freeman's Journal* Company, the *Evening Telegraph*, the *Weekly Freeman* and *Sport* also cease.

During the rebellion of Easter Week, 1916, the newspaper's premises in Prince's street, Dublin, were destroyed by fire and in 1922 the journal suffered considerably from attacks made on its machinery by the Republicans. The "decisive blow," the newspaper says, was the breaking up of its machinery in March, 1922.

In a farewell editorial in yesterday's issue, the *Freeman's Journal* said that:—"Labouring through the desert with the Irish people, it had come with them to the confines of the Promised Land. Had it survived with the triumphs of the people it would have been still at their call to defend the fruits of victory. A strange fate has ruled otherwise."

In consequence of the stoppage of the *Freeman's Journal* over 300 persons are thrown out of employment.

THE BRITISH IN COLOGNE.

GERMAN NATIONALISTS' PROTESTS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BERLIN, Friday.

Lord Curson's speech in the House of Commons, which is interpreted here as definitely indicating that Great Britain does not propose to evacuate Cologne on January 10, has made a profound effect here.

Although their protests are the loudest, the German Nationalists are secretly delighted, inasmuch as they claim that Great Britain's decision justifies their year-long contention—that Germany should place no faith in Allied pledges, and must seek eventual satisfaction for present humiliations by her own strengthened right arm, and not by international "conciliation."

In Government circles, as was plainly revealed to-day, Great Britain's decision has produced the most disturbing impression. Lord Curzon's reason for the continued occupation is described bluntly as "pretext." It is pointed out that the decision strengthens the extremists and discourages the moderates, and will have a complicating influence on Germany's present confused political situation.

After a week's fruitless efforts President Ebert has adjourned until after Christmas all further attempts to find a Chancellor. Encouraged by the British decision the Nationalists will doubtless renew their intrigue to become the dominating party in a non-Socialist Cabinet.

FREE STATE AND WEMBLEY.

PARTICIPATION UNDER CONSIDERATION.

The Free State Government is considering whether Saorstat Eireann should arrange to be represented at the Wembley Exhibition in the coming year, and is desirous of obtaining information as to what extent industrial, commercial, and agricultural interests would be prepared to participate should an exhibit be arranged by the Free State.

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce, in a statement issued last night, says:—

"The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has asked the Dublin Chamber of Commerce to communicate to the Department the names and addresses of any of its members who would be prepared to arrange an exhibit, together with precise particulars of the articles to be included in the exhibit, or the nature of the display contemplated.

"In the view of the Minister, the extent to which intending exhibitors would be prepared to bear a share of the cost would be a fair measure of the advantages which, in their opinion, would accrue to Saorstat Eireann by participation, and he asks, therefore, to be informed in the case of any intending exhibitor what contribution towards the cost that exhibitor would be prepared to make.

"Until it is more definitely known to what extent an adequate exhibit would be practicable, no precise estimate of the probable total cost can be given. In connection, however, with an exhibit during the present year, it is understood that the total expenditure on a pavilion would vary from about £3 per square foot in the case of an area of 2,500 square feet, to £2 per square foot in the case where the area was about 15,000 square feet. These figures include all expenses, and will give intending exhibitors an approximate idea of the expense which their exhibit would involve.

"As the Government must arrive at a decision at an early date, intending exhibitors are asked to give this matter their immediate consideration, and to communicate with the Secretary of the Chamber at the earliest possible moment."

HOME FROM RUSSIA.

LABOUR DELEGATES REACH LONDON.

FROM OUR LABOUR CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Friday.

Mr. Purcell and his fellow-members of the Trade Union Delegation to Russia reached London this evening. The welcome arranged by the minority movement—which is directed by the Communist element in the unions—may fairly be described as a fiasco.

When the boat train arrived at Victoria shortly before 5 o'clock the little crowd of expectant comrades surged round the carriage occupied by the Delegation. In a moment Mr. Purcell and Mr. Herbert Smith—who was wearing a round fur cap—stepped on the platform, slipped unostentatiously across to the taxi stand, and were gone. Other members vanished as unobtrusively. Mr. Findlay lingered a few minutes longer, but he lifted his hand deprecatingly when someone began to ask about his experiences.

Mr. Fred. Bramley was the last to leave. He firmly declined to discuss the business side of the journey, after stating that an agreed report would be issued to the newspapers. The only comfort given to the welcoming party was a boisterous greeting of Mr. Tom Mann by Mr. John Bromley.

The minority movement leaders made no secret of their disappointment. Some had even hoped that Mr. Purcell or another member of the delegation might have been induced to make a speech. Besides Mr. Mann there were Mr. Harry Pollitt and a number of active members of the Communist Party. Mr. George Hicks was the only member of the General Council of the T.U.C. at the station, and with him was Mr. Coppock, another official of the building trade workers.

One suspected that the absence of other members of the General Council and leaders of the industrial movement was due to a preconcerted arrangement—so that the members of the delegation might be under no obligation to remain on the platform.

THE £150,000 CHEQUE CASE.

HOBBS AGAIN REMANDED.

William Cooper Hobbs, charged with being concerned in receiving a cheque for £150,000 which had been stolen or unlawfully obtained abroad, made a further appearance at Bow street, London, yesterday.

A cashier at the British Mutual Bank said that he knew Hobbs as a customer. The books showed that in January, 1920, a cheque for £150,000 was met by Bolton Bros., and that in order to meet that cheque Bolton Bros. lent the Rajah £150,000.

Mr. Mark Francis Waters, of a firm of solicitors, stated that the first person he came in contact with over this case was Captain Arthur. He called on witness, and said that his had come in a hurry from Paris to consult witness on behalf of a male friend who had been caught in a Paris hotel in company with a lady by the lady's husband. Witness, on the facts stated, advised that the friend would have no defence to a petition for divorce, and told him to await developments. Later witness received a message from Captain Arthur and Sir Hari Singh. Captain Arthur explained that Sir Hari was the gentleman on whose behalf he had previously consulted witness. When witness said—"I suppose nothing has been done yet?" they replied—witness could not say which one—that they had not settled the matter, or had given two cheques, each for £150,000, one of which it had been arranged should be held up until such time as it could be conveniently met. Witness expressed his astonishment. They shrugged their shoulders, and said—"It is done. It was absolutely essential that we should pay anything almost to avoid scandal or publicity." At this interview witness was given the name of the lady and her husband as Robinson, represented by Appleton and Co., solicitors.

Witness then spoke of seeing Hobbs, and saying to him—"This has been a regular conspiracy to blackmail," that it had been disgracefully dealt with, and that they had stopped the second cheque. Hobbs assured witness that there had been no conspiracy or plot, and that he would advise his client to put the second cheque behind the fire.

The case was adjourned until next Wednesday, the renewed application for bail being refused by the magistrate.

CITY OFFICES RAIDED.

EMPLOYES' WAGES SEIZED.

Between five and six o'clock last evening armed men raided the offices of Messrs. Paul and Vincent, Ltd., 80 Sir John Rogerson's quay, Dublin, and seized between £150 and £200.

The robbers are believed to have arrived on bicycles. They overpowered two clerks who were issuing the employes' wages.

TWO PRINCES AT THE HUNT.

A Melton Mowbray message says that the Prince of Wales and Prince Henry hunted with the Quorn yesterday from Barkby Holt, and enjoyed a capital day's sport, which included a good run of an hour and twenty-five minutes before the fox was marked to ground.

LIQUOR BILL PASSED.

DAIL'S COMPROMISE WITH SENATE.

LAW IN A WEEK.

CONFERENCE ENDS THE DEADLOCK.

The Liquor Bill deadlock came to an end yesterday, following a conference between members representing the Senate and the Dail.

The Dail members agreed to the retention of the section providing for the total closing of all public-houses in the Free State on St. Patrick's Day.

The Senate members agreed not to insist on their amendment making "mixed trading" illegal.

The following were the representatives who arranged the settlement, which was later agreed to by both the Senate and the Dail:—

DAIL.	SENATE.
Mr. John Lyons.	Mr. H. S. Guinness.
Mr. Patrick Baxter.	Lady Desart.
Mr. P. J. Egan.	Mr. Bennett.
Mr. John Daly.	Mr. Farren.
Mr. Thomas Johnson.	Colonel Moore.

Mr. Johnson acted as chairman.

The Intoxicating Liquor Bill, 1924, will be the law of the Free State on and from this day week.

In accordance with the Constitution, the bill must remain in abeyance until Friday next, and on the following day it will be signed by the Governor-General. In the meantime the licensed trade continues under the Act of 1923, now in operation.

The bill has been passed virtually in the form in which it was introduced, except that the "structural separation" clause has been rejected.

SENATE AGREES.

THE SCOPE OF THE COMMISSION.

Mr. McKean, in the Senate, moved that the name of Mr. Martin Fitzgerald be substituted for that of Colonel Moore in the list of representatives to meet members of the Dail. The conference, he said, was dealing with interests that represented 75 per cent. of Free State revenue, and three of the Senators now proposed represented the temperance idea.

The Chairman (Lord Glenavy)—They are nothing the worse for that. (Laughter.)

Mr. McElroy seconded Mr. McKean's amendment, which was defeated by a large majority, and the original motion was passed.

After an adjournment Mr. Guinness reported the findings of the Committee, and moved that they should be adopted.

Mr. Nesbitt seconded.

The Earl of Mayo said that he believed now that the two Houses had agreed to this compromise, the Minister, Mr. O'Higgins, had promised that the whole matter should come before the Commission which he had proposed to set up to inquire into the liquor laws.

The Chairman said that that was not quite the position. He understood that the main matter to be referred to the Commission was the question of the number of publichouses in the country, with a view to their reduction.

Lord Mayo said that these windy storms that passed in the Dail swept over the Senate like a summer breeze. The Senate was not going to increase the difficulty of the law in the Free State. As the Chairman had made it perfectly clear that the structural alterations would come before the Commission he would not oppose the motion.

The Chairman said that he had no power whatever to pledge the Government, or the Commission, as to what the scope of the inquiry would be.

Mr. Guinness's motion was then agreed to.

DAIL'S ACCEPTANCE.

QUESTION OF PRECEDENT RAISED.

Mr. Thomas Johnson, in the Dail, in proposing his motion for the conference with the Senate on the Liquor Bill, urged the necessity for not letting the bill remain inoperative for at least 270 days because of its provisions to cope with the illicit distillation and methylated spirit drinking.

Messrs. Egan, Shaw, Daly, and Sir James Craig spoke in support of the motion. Mr. Gorey said that the committee to be appointed could not compromise on the structural separation clause, on which the view of the Dail had been very clearly expressed.

Mr. Hall opposed the motion, which, he said, would create a bad precedent for dealing in the future with matters finally disposed of in accordance with the recognised procedure. He considered that the proposal was but a poor way of carrying out national legislation.

Mr. Dalton said that he feared that time would be wasted, as it had been wasted hitherto, because of the lack of proper consultation with representatives of the licensed trade through the country as a whole. Nine-tenths of the bill was supported by the trade, and if the remainder had been gone into with them an agreement could have been reached.

Mr. Daly said that he had consulted the trade of Munster and Dublin, and they were in favour of the proposed conference. They found that they would lose half an hour every night during the time the bill was hung up. (Laughter.)

Mr. Johnson, replying to Mr. Hall's criticism, said that he hoped that the conference would establish a happy precedent for the dissolution of differences between the two Houses on minor points of a bill which was approved by both in its main principles.

The motion was carried.

The Minister for Justice, whose name was first suggested as one of the representatives, said that it might be better for him to remain outside, and available for consultation with the committee.

When the members later reported the result of the conference, the Dail unanimously accepted the report, and a message to that effect was at once sent to the Senate.

CHRISTMAS APPEALS.

Our advertising columns to-day contain appeals from a number of institutions in the City of Dublin for assistance during the Christmas season. All of them carry on a great work from year to year for the poor and those who are stricken with illness. The vast amount of unemployment and the consequent poverty and illness that exists have made serious inroads on their funds, and they make this appeal to the charitable public in the belief that a generous response will be given to it. In some cases, gifts of toys, games, and books for children will be welcomed; in others assistance in the shape of money or food is solicited.

CO. ROSCOMMON ELECTION.

A convention of the Co. Roscommon Farmers' Union was held at Castlerea yesterday for the purpose of selecting a candidate to represent the farmers at the forthcoming election for the county. Mr. William Phair presided. Mr. Michael Brennan, Chairman Roscommon County Council was selected as candidate. It was decided that, if Cumann na nGaedheal should not put forward a candidate, Mr. Brennan should go forward in the interest of both parties.

THE DUKE OF ABERCORN.

The Governor of Northern Ireland and the Duchess of Abercorn, accompanied by Lord Claud David Hamilton, arrived in Belfast yesterday and proceeded to Clandeboye. In the evening the Duke dined with Lieutenant-Colonel F. C. Spring and the officers of the 1st Battalion of the Lincoln Regiment at the Palace Barracks, Holywood.

REGISTRATION OF THE TREATY.

DAIL QUESTIONS.

STATEMENT BY MR. FITZGERALD.

The position of the Free State in regard to the registration of the Anglo-Irish Treaty with the League of Nations was the subject of a series of questions in the Dail yesterday.

The matter was introduced by Mr. Osmonde Grattan Esmonde, who asked the Minister for External Affairs if he would state what reply had been sent by the Irish Government to the recent communication from the Secretariat of the League of Nations transmitting the protest of the British Government against the registration of the Treaty between Ireland and Great Britain, 1921.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Minister for External Affairs:—I regret that, as we have only received the communication from the Secretariat of the League of Nations on Tuesday, it would not be possible for the Secretary-General to have received our reply by this, and, therefore, I cannot give the exact terms of our reply to him. But, as deputies are aware from the newspapers, the British Government wrote to the Secretary of the League of Nations stating that since the coming into force of the Covenant they have consistently taken a certain point of view with regard to Article 18 of the Covenant. We have replied to the Secretary-General, stating that we do not share that view.

THE POSITION OF THE LEAGUE.

Mr. Johnson—Does the Minister propose to take any steps to counterbalance or to correct the disruptive influence of that communication within the League itself?

Mr. Fitzgerald—I think it should be understood that what has actually happened is that one member of the League of Nations has written to the Secretariat stating that since the coming into force of the Covenant they have a certain point of view with regard to a certain Article of the Covenant. Now, that has obviously a certain bearing on us in the particular circumstances. One of the members of the League has stated their point of view with regard to the Covenant, and we have written in the same way as the British Government wrote, stating that we do not share that point of view. I think, that on the face of the Covenant, there cannot be much question as to whose point of view, as to the reading of Article 18, is correct.

Mr. Baxter—Will the Minister state if, in his opinion, any action will be taken by the League itself to pass judgment on this action of the British Government?

Mr. Fitzgerald—I cannot say that. I want to point out merely that the British Government have expressed an opinion that they hold with regard to a certain Article of the Covenant. The League may conceivably inform the British Government that the circumstances of the case do not warrant or do not justify that opinion, or, inconceivably, they might say that the circumstances of the case do warrant that opinion. But I cannot say whether they will take action or not.

CANADA'S VIEWS.

Capt. Redmond—Can the Minister state whether Canada, or any other of the Dominions, have taken any action in this matter?

Mr. Fitzgerald—They have taken no action so far as we have heard. It must be remembered that this communication only reached us from the League on Tuesday last, so that it may not have reached Canada yet.

Mr. Baxter—In the case of such a situation as this arising, in the Minister's view is there no obligation on the League of Nations itself to meet and pass judgment on any particular action of any particular member on the interpretation of any article in the Covenant of the League of Nations, when such a situation arises?

Mr. Fitzgerald—This is not an interpretation: it is merely a statement of opinion.

Mr. Johnson—An apology for not having registered the Treaty themselves.

Mr. Hogan (Clare)—Inasmuch as the opinion of the British Empire the Commonwealth.

A NOTE TO BRITAIN.

An Ceann Comhairle—No; it is Great Britain.

Mr. Hogan (Clare)—They have so many names. Inasmuch as the Treaty is of such vital importance to this State, will the Minister make any representation to the proper authorities to enable a ruling to be given on this matter?

Mr. Fitzgerald—The Deputy says that the opinion of the British Government is of such vital importance to this State. Well, we have also written to the British Government.

Mr. Hogan (Clare) — That is not answering the question. The opinion of the British Government is of vital importance to this State for reasons that are known to everybody. Inasmuch as that is a fact, has the Minister made any representations to the League of Nations to have a ruling given on that opinion expressed by the British Government publicly.

Mr. Fitzgerald—The League of Nations has a Covenant written down in fairly clear terms. Until there is something to the contrary as to the meaning of Article 18, we must take the meaning that is clear, obvious, and unequivocal in that Article. Therefore, when you have a thing perfectly clear, you cannot ask anybody to make it any clearer. If the League of Nations propose taking some action, saying what Article 18 obviously means, or does not mean, then obviously we would have to come along with the meaning that we associate with the Article. Article 18 is perfectly clear: our opinion of Article 18 is in accord with the clearness of Article 18, and until we have some reason to believe that the League of Nations has a contrary opinion, I do not think we could ask them to take action.

QUESTION OF PUBLICATION.

Mr. Johnson—Could the Minister tell us whether it is the practice of the Secretariat of the League to communicate such communications as you have sent to them to other members of the League, and will that be done in this case?

Mr. Fitzgerald—The letter that we have sent to the League of Nations is sent in just the same terms as the British letter, and we presume that it will have the same circulation as their letter.

Mr. A. Byrne—Who is to judge whether the opinion of the British Minister or our Minister is correct, and when is this judgment going to be made on the opinions expressed by both? Is the matter to lie in abeyance until some harm is done?

Mr. Fitzgerald—The only people competent to make a recommendation or express an opinion on that is the whole League of Nations.

Mr. A. Byrne—When are they going to meet?

Mr. Johnson—I take it the Minister will be prepared to publish in due course, after the League of Nations has received that communication, the contents and the purport of that communication in this country?

Mr. Fitzgerald—Yes. I would give it to the Dail at this moment if I did not know that the Secretary of the League of Nations had not received it. I will see it is published as soon as he has received it.

In further reply to Mr. Johnson, Mr. Fitzgerald said that communications between the Irish Government and the British Government were confidential despatches, and could not be published unless by agreement with the British Government.

FRENCH PREMIER'S HEALTH.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Friday.

To-day's bulletin says that M. Herriot is making good progress towards recovery. Save for the fact that he is not allowed his pipe, he has regained his cheerfulness.

The Premier presided at a meeting of Ministers held in his bedroom to-day.

DRASTIC TEMPERANCE MEASURES IN CANADA.

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, Friday.

The Premier, Mr. Dunning, announced in the Legislature to-day that the Government had decided not to permit the business selling of beer by the glass.

The Legislature passed an amendment to the Temperance Act making it an offence to give liquor to any person apparently under its influence. Another amendment was passed giving the Liquor Commission power to grant permits to bona-fide organisations to hold two wet banquets yearly.

LATE NEWS.

IRISH LOYALISTS' CLAIMS.

THE CASE OF LORD HEADLEY'S HOUSE.

The High Commissioner for the Irish Free State, in a letter to *The Times*, writes:—

Sir,—Some further facts concerning Lord Headley's complaint of unfair treatment regarding compensation for Aghadoe House, County Kerry, may enable your readers to arrive at a more impartial judgment than the incomplete account published in your issue of the 8th inst. is likely to suggest.

The claim to which Lord Headley refers was made by him as owner, William Huggard as mortgagee, and F. S. Salaman trustee in bankruptcy for Lord Headley. The amount originally claimed was £50,000, but the amount of the estimate submitted by Lord Headley's architect in support of his claim on the hearing in court was £29,254 3s. 10d. As it was not proposed to restore the structure, this estimate was not investigated, and the figure is not, therefore, accepted as being accurate.

It was never suggested that the applicants proposed to rebuild Aghadoe House. At the hearing of the claim evidence was given by Mr. William Huggard (mortgagee of Aghadoe House and premises), that the house had not been occupied by Lord Headley or his family for over thirty-four years. Some time after it was vacated by them it was occupied for a short time at a rent of £200 a year, and from 1899 until 1913 it was held at a rent of £100 a year. During this time it was partly furnished, but in 1913 the furniture was sold by auction. Since 1913 the house has been unoccupied, notwithstanding the efforts of Lord Headley's agent and the trustee in bankruptcy to dispose of it. Lord Headley's counsel said in court that the house was derelict during this period. Even if the letting value at the time of destruction were admitted to be double the annual rental paid from 1899 to 1913, it would mean, on the basis of fifteen years' purchase, a capital value of £3,000. The judge, on hearing the evidence, however, awarded £4,500, of which £3,500 is to be spent on erecting suitable houses in the locality. The annual rateable value of the buildings was £53.

As regards the timber to which Lord Headley refers, it appeared, at the hearing of the claim, that his agent knew the persons who took away this timber, and the judge, in dismissing the claim, observed that the applicant had his ordinary legal remedy against these persons. The loss was due to ordinary larceny, and would not have been the subject of compensation under the statutes in force before the enactment of the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923.

FIRST TEST MATCH.

M.C.C. V. AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY, Saturday.

Richardson b Hearne	22
Taylor, not out	4
Extras	15
Total (4 wkts.)	286

—(Reuter.)

DISTINGUISHED ARCHITECT DEAD.

The Times announces the sudden death of Mr. Paul Waterhouse, the distinguished architect, at the age of 63. He had not been in good health for some time past, and had only recently returned from abroad. He was in London on Thursday, and he went back to Yattendon, his residence in Berkshire, in the evening, apparently no worse than he had been of late, but on getting out of bed yesterday morning he collapsed and died at once.

£10,000 GOLD THEFT.

DISCOVERIES BY SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Friday.

Information has reached London that the South African police have made important discoveries in connection with the daring gold specie robbery which occurred there in October last while in transit to London.

Twenty-four boxes of gold bars, valued at about £60,000, was despatched by the Salisbury (Rhodesia) Branch of the Standard Union Bank of Africa to the London headquarters of the bank. Somewhere between Salisbury and Cape Town some of the boxes were opened by thieves, and bars of gold valued at about £10,000 were removed. The theft was not discovered until the boxes arrived in London, when three were found to contain bars of lead instead of gold.

The boxes had been opened at the ends without breaking the seals, and then so cleverly restored that they had no appearance of having been tampered with. An armed escort which travelled with the boxes knew nothing of the theft.

The boxes were inspected at Cape Town and afterwards shipped to London in the strong room of the liner Armadale Castle. The stolen gold has not yet been recovered, but it is stated that arrests are expected shortly.

MR. AUGUSTUS JOHN'S DENIAL.

Mr. Augustus John denies the statement that he had joined the Labour Party.

The report appeared in "The Labour Press Service," the official publication of the Labour Party.

"SILENCE IS GOLDEN."

WASHINGTON, Friday.

The relations between the United States and Japan were again discussed on the floor of the House of Representatives to-day, members offering a variety of advice to one another, and to the Administration officials.

Mr. Wingo, a Democrat, told the House that President Coolidge and Mr. Hughes were handling American foreign affairs in a dignified and sensible way, and that the best thing the members of the Congress could do was to keep their mouths shut.—(Reuter.)

RAISULI AGAIN REPORTED DEAD.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
MADRID, Thursday midnight.

Raisuli, the Moroccan outlaw chieftain, is again reported dead.

The picturesque desert leader, whose exploits in his resistance against the Spanish domination of his native tribesmen astonished the world, died four days ago, according to information given me here to-day from the most reliable sources.

Raisuli's death was kept secret until to-night, when word was received by air mail from Morocco. The news is regarded as of the greatest importance to the Spanish power in Morocco. Government circles, however, refuse to confirm or deny the news.

Immediately after the chieftain's death, Raisuli's nephew, Ali Ben, left the old palace at Tazrout, and is now in Angera raising the revolt among the tribesmen. Some of the Spanish forces have been diverted to the Tangier front, and it is estimated that about eighty thousand Spanish troops are now in the zone of the new uprising, fighting against enemies

THE FREE STATE WATER-POWER.

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Report in which the possibilities of rival schemes are discussed. He had, he said, asked the experts to go in detail into the merits of the system of numerous small local stations as against those of one concentrated large plant. They could not be convinced that anybody in this country would plead for a series of small local stations. They could not conceive that the point would be seriously argued.

The one conclusive argument against the small stations was the price of current to the consumer. To the experts the subject was one requiring statement, and not demonstration. They were also most insistent that no plant should be provided for a partial development which could not be adapted to meet growing demands.

Continuing the reading, with occasional amplifying remarks, of the document circulated to the members of the Dail, the Minister remarked that the exploitation that was suggested would be one to meet a requirement of about 150 million units. The scheme would supply 150 million units in a dry year, but in an average year it was estimated to supply 195 million units.

He emphasised the point that a partial development could be carried out within the cost estimated for the corresponding portions of the full scheme.

Mr. Figgis, in an interjection, remarked that the price of .53d. referred to a consumption of 150 million units, whereas the total consumption of the Free State was 46 million units, which would involve a higher price figure.

Mr. McGilligan, in a further reference to price, said that the figure of .53 was for delivery to Dublin. To towns of smaller consumption the price would be higher.

Mr. McGilligan dealt with the section referring to alternative possibilities for the development of electrical energy in the Free State, and paid a tribute to the enthusiasm with which the experts had undertaken their task.

As the Minister resumed his seat at the conclusion of his speech there was applause from all quarters of the Chamber.

SOME QUESTIONS.

Mr. Johnson, who congratulated the Minister on his lucid statement, asked whether any thought had been given to the Erne and its falls in the Ballyshannon district; whether the prices given in the report—for coal, the .53d. quoted for Dublin—were to be taken as the "binding estimate," required under the terms of the White Paper; whether any value was taken by the Minister to the manner in which the scheme could be submitted for the criticism of the country and the decision of the Legislature; and whether the Minister or the Executive Council had yet decided whether the scheme was to be taken in hand as a private venture or as a national scheme.

Mr. Figgis said that in the present consumption of electricity was 48 million units in the Free State, of which Dublin and district took 36 millions. He asked some questions on the price estimates, and urged that the scheme should be made available in full to members of the Dail.

Mr. W. Thrift associated himself with the general congratulations to the Minister, and said that it needed very little imagination to see in the scheme vast possibilities of progress, and a future that might be far beyond the highest hopes of those who had hopes for the country.

Mr. Hewat asked for more information on the price estimates.

Mr. Conor Hogan advised a suspension of judgment on the merits of the scheme.

MINISTER'S REPLY.

The Minister, replying to the points raised, said that the project of utilising the Erne at Ballyshannon was present to the minds of the experts, but it was not gone into in detail. He did not remember distinctly what they said on the subject, but his vague recollection was that, if all Ireland were to be considered, the Erne would be the river to develop after the Shannon, and that for the purposes of development it ranked higher than the Liffey.

The experts made it clear that the cost to the consumer could not be based on the present consumption and to the present conditions, which are very backward. It was decisive to state that .53d. meant a figure at which electricity could be obtained in Dublin from that, rather than any other scheme.

Mr. McGilligan added that it remained to be decided whether the scheme would be regarded as a private or a national enterprise. If it was to be developed by way of private enterprise, there would probably have to be Private Bill legislation; but, if taken up as a State service, he presumed that legislation would be regarded as public.

NO GERMAN STRANGLEHOLD.

He had never yet heard it contemplated that, if it were at all possible to have this scheme financed as a State concern, there was any suggestion of having it financed by private enterprise. Certainly only in the last resort would there be any suggestion of having it financed as a German concern; so that all the talk there had been about a German economic stranglehold, particularly through the German control of this scheme, was without foundation, in fact. The State might be reduced to that point, but it had not reached it yet, nor did he deem it likely.

Mr. McGilligan, in conclusion, said that he had tried deliberately to choke down enthusiasm in detailing the scheme to the Dail, but he agreed with members who said that the project outlined was probably the most important thing that had happened to the State since its beginning. If the scheme were carried out, he believed that they would come to a point where economic freedom, without which political freedom was nothing, would have been brought appreciably nearer.

On such an occasion one's mind went back to Arthur Griffith, and thinking of his writings and reading the report, they had to arrive at the conclusion that there was a definite chance here at last of utilising one great natural resource in the country for the good of the people of the country.

The Minister was again applauded as he sat down.

EXPERTS' VIEWS.

The following are the main points in the official summary of the report of the experts on the Siemens-Schuckert Shannon scheme:—

The experts reckon, as a result of the examination, that the requirements in electrical energy in the Free State at the end of, roughly, two or three years from the coming into working of a national electrification supply may be estimated as about 150,000,000 units (k. wh.), measured at the outgoing terminals in a centralised power station. These requirements, calculated per head of the population, lie below the world average.

As soon as electrical energy is available at cheap rates based on a sound economy, the consumption will in a few years reach the above-mentioned level. A far-seeing commercial management of the whole electrification plant has to aim, therefore, at ensuring that the advantages and numerous uses of electrical energy in household, industrial and agricultural spheres shall become known to everybody.

The experts advise in favour of the immediate erection of one centralised station, capable of extension when necessary to the full extent of the available power, and which is eventually to be combined with one or more additional large power stations.

WATER POWER BETTER THAN FUEL.

The experts have established as a result of their investigations that in the first development stage a centralised water power station is to be preferred to a fuel-burning station, as the existing available water power in Ireland permits of such cheap development as to allow of successful competition with fuel-burning stations.

There is a further consideration in favour of water power of importance to the State—which, presumably, will take over electricity supply—namely, that of independence in its electricity supply, even if coal eventually becomes cheaper. It may be here remarked that even though Ireland has in the matter of water power only small heads, yet there seldom exists in other lands so good coincidence in point of time between water quantities and energy demand.

THREE PROPOSALS.

At present three proposals for the development of water power are in the foreground. There is that which the experts have in the first place to examine, Messrs. Siemens-Schuckerts' Shannon scheme; further the Liffey schemes, and finally the Liffey-Shannon combination.

The experts are aware that the Free State has not a very large quantity of water power which can be developed. Accordingly, in acting out a plan for energy supply, a preeminently suitable line of power development must be followed. Above all, no partial exploitation of a water power ought to be carried out which makes a full development later impossible from an economic view point. On the other hand, for the start no plant should be built which cannot be adapted to growing demand.

These two fundamental view points and consideration of the existing requirements have led the experts to declare that a partial development of the Shannon is the most suitable first step which the Free State can take in the way of electrification. The first development stage which the experts suggest, and which corresponds to a requirement of about 150 million units measured at the busbars of the power house, is far from the full exploitation of the Siemens-Schuckert partial development. Combined with existing steam stations which would be called on to supply an average of ten million units per year additional energy, the partial development is capable of delivering about 225 million units per year.

The proposed first development stage of the Shannon River in no way prevents its full development. All further development can be carried out roughly within the limits of what it would cost if it were carried out coincident with the partial development. Some work necessary for further development of the river must be carried out co-incident with the partial development, as it would later be more costly, or would disturb the running of the station. The tail race, the machine house and the storage in the lakes would be further developed by the simple process of being somewhat enlarged. The head race would remain unchanged.

The storage development can be carried out in a succession of stages. First of all, Lough Derg would be regulated without increasing its level, then the level of Lough Ree would be increased, after this Lough Allen and, lastly, Lough Derg. During a dry year, even without using any additional sources of energy, there could accordingly be delivered the year's requirements for general supply, as outlined in the full development—about 275 million units. By a moderate addition of steam energy the aforementioned units could be considerably increased by an average of about 50 to 60 per cent. a year.

ONE STEP AT A TIME.

The experts declare themselves distinctly in favour of this one step system of partial development, as against the most expensive and, in general, less suitable system of development in a number of steps which necessitates various separate weir plants and various separate machine houses. The Siemens-Schuckert partial development, in the reduced form suggested by the experts, will, as already mentioned, deliver about 150 million units, and this is the smallest plant with which the electrification of the Free State should be begun to-day if a supply of energy for the use of the whole country is the consideration.

In the opinion of the experts the Liffey River will also be developed later on, either during the further development of the Shannon or more probably after this, depending on how the consumption of electricity develops. The Liffey storage would, in all probability, make possible a valuable compensating system for the full development of the Shannon; nevertheless it will be necessary to examine if it would not be more advantageous to use the existing steam station, or eventually a new steam station for energy supply at low water periods or for covering peak loads.

In about twenty years the fully-developed Shannon, together with the Liffey plant, and the steam stations would together probably be the most advantageous source of electricity supply for the Free State.

To develop the Liffey at the present time is not advisable, because it is too small, because it can supply only the needs of Dublin, and because its output capacity would be very quickly swallowed up, while four-fifth of the State would have no share in the advantages of electricity supply. The experts are of the opinion that the current could be delivered cheaper from the Shannon to the largest consumer—that is Dublin—than it would from the Liffey.

HOW THE SHANNON WILL BE USED.

The experts wish to draw special attention to an important economic point which indirectly is connected with the carrying out of the Shannon scheme.

Flow conditions in the lakes and in the river will be regulated in providing for storage—in the first partial development at Lough Derg, and on the Shannon from Lough Derg to Meelick; later by the full development at Lough Ree, Lough Allen, and from Meelick to Lough Ree. This regulation of the river forms the fundamental basis for a drainage of the Shannon area. The experts recommend the Government to have the drainage of this area carried out in conjunction with work which is required for the power scheme. This would mean, if desired, the carrying out, earlier than otherwise, of a portion of the embankments necessary for the further development of the river. The surplus energy available in winter would make possible in the most suitable fashion the running of seasonal industries, whereby a limited number of workers engaged in summer in agriculture would find employment in winter.

During the period of construction of the first partial development about 2,500 workers would be employed on the power development work proper for three years. About 300 further workers would be necessary for the building of the distribution transmission lines. Lastly, the drainage plan proposed in conjunction with the partial development, as it would later be carried out, would employ, in addition, numerous workers.

Navigation conditions between Lough Derg and the harbour of Limerick would be very much improved. In particular the tan locks on this stretch would be replaced by one single ships hoist.

For protecting the fisheries all possible precautions are provided, in particular fish passes by the weir at O'Brien's Bridge, as also at the Turbine House.

CHEAP ELECTRICITY.

The constructional cost of the first partial development, including the distributing transmission system, works out, according to the estimates of Messrs. Siemens-Schuckert, and taking into consideration the modifications of the experts, at about £5,200,000—providing for 65,000 installed kw. The cost includes the complete distributing transmission system, bringing electricity to the vast majority of towns and villages of over 500 population, and also the preparatory work incidental to the full development. The cost for the eventual final development works out at about £7,870,000, providing for 126,000 kw. installed. The average cost of electrical energy at the power station will work out as follows:—

	d. per unit.
For the First Development:	
For a consumption of about 150 million units	0.42
For a consumption of 215 million units derived from water (neglecting the 10 million units to be provided from steam stations)	0.30
For the Further Development:	
With consumption of about 237 million units	0.43
For the Final Development:	
With consumption of about 275 million units	0.36
With consumption of 400 million units derived from water (neglecting the additional energy from steam plant)	0.25

The experts' investigations have shown that electricity can be delivered in bulk to towns, villages, etc., at a price which is appreciably lower than that at which it could be developed in modern individual town plants.

Because of the different costs of distribution, the prices of electricity must be varied according to the amount of energy consumed. For the greatest consumer (Dublin) the cost of current would not be more than 0.53d. per unit at the place of delivery.

ESTIMATED COSTS.

Owing to the relatively high costs of distribution, due to the smaller degree to which the distribution system is exploited, the price of current for the medium and smaller towns will be appreciably higher. The experts have, however, of the opinion that the scheme will allow of energy being supplied for these consumers at an economically justifiable price, which is appreciably below the cost at which energy may be developed in a single town plant. The experts expect that payment out of revenue of interest on capital to the full extent of 3¼ per cent., after payment of all working expenses and sinking fund, will not be practicable until about the fifth year after the coming into operation of the system. In comparison with similar important undertakings abroad which provide for the community at large, these are thoroughly normal conditions. At the end of about five years a profit would be obtainable after full interest had been paid on the capital. Fifteen per cent., addition to the cost is included in the above-mentioned capital of £5,200,000 and £7,870,000, respectively, to cover the interest during the period of construction, as also the insufficiency in interest in the first few working years. This addition should prove approximately right.

MESSRS. SIEMENS SCHEME RECOMMENDED.

The experts hope that the State eventually, in conjunction with the towns, will succeed in carrying through the electrification of the Free State, beginning with the most favourable possibility—the partial development of the Shannon River, as proposed by Messrs. Siemens Schuckert and as modified by the experts.

The estimates of Messrs. Siemens Schuckert fulfil the conditions laid down in the White Paper.

The price of the hydro-electric energy produced lies thoroughly within the limits of that paid in countries which are better developed in the matter of electricity supply.

If the authorities who supply electricity to the consumer endeavour to carry out a sound supply price policy the consumption will increase considerably, and the price of electricity to the consumer will work itself about as favourably, for example, as in Switzerland, a country which has experienced an enormous development in the spread of electricity.

The disposition and the carrying through of the electrification plan will require from the State the closest attention.

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL

SHANNON-LIFFEY OR LIFFEY-SHANNON?

There is, say the experts, only one question: how should the successive stages of development take place, which river should be developed first?

The National Electricity Supply Scheme, drawn up by Messrs. J. F. Crowley and Partners, is not essentially different from the Liffey projects; both groups are directed towards the same end, the utilisation of the power of the Liffey. They are based on the idea that this plant alone can be of interest to financiers because it will supply the City of Dublin and environs, that is, the principal consumer in the Free State, and through this consumer the plant will have a full load—that is to say, will be fully exploited.

The Shannon scheme supplies the whole Free State as well as its capital, while the Liffey scheme can supply the capital and environs only. The construction of the Liffey plant, and the supply of electricity to Dublin, will in no way prepare for the electrification of the remainder of the Free State. But as the Government cannot delay the supply of electricity to the remaining Irish towns and to the country, the experts are of the opinion that it would be necessary to undertake immediately the erection of a further centralised power station on a large scale, for which very considerable sums of money would have to be invested. For these reasons the experts recommend that in the first place the construction of the Shannon works should be proceeded with, because, even in the partial development, it will make three to five times as much energy available as the Liffey works, because it will at the same time give the whole country a share in the advantages of electricity supply, and because it can supply current on more favourable terms to the capital, Dublin.

One who is compelled to give his principal consideration to an immediate financial return, they say, will construct the Liffey works. But one who has before his eyes a national scheme," to be carried out in the interests of the whole people, and who is in the end decides to wait for some years for the development of a sufficient demand will develop the Shannon. The solution suggested by Messrs. J. F. Crowley and Partners—i.e., that in addition to the Liffey plant a modest partial development of the River Shannon should be carried out a few years later, or even now, should be rejected, on the one hand, because a development of the River Shannon in a number of successive steps is in itself uneconomic, all the more so when the first steps are carried out without any regard to the succeeding ones; on the other hand, because a development of the Shannon now, together with the Liffey, would render the output of the latter (approximately 65 to 65 million units) superfluous when the partial development of the Shannon is carried out in the manner in which the experts think it ought to be (with 150 million units—the calculated needs of the Free Stae). Moreover, in contrast to the statement of Messrs. J. F. Crowley and Partners, it is a fact that the equivalent storage space per unit of Liffey is not cheaper than in the Shannon, that an increase of the storage space in the Shannon will produce regulated conditions with regard to the floods which occur to-day, and will establish the basis for a systematic drainage of the Shannon basin.

The proposition of Messrs. J. F. Crowley and Partners is represented only by a dossier—a scheme is not before us. It is true that such a scheme would be worked out if the experts wish it. However, the experts are of opinion that, for general, national and national economic reasons, the combination, Shannon-Liffey, has advantages over the combination, Liffey-Shannon, and that accordingly the further study of the Liffey scheme, in its connection with the Shannon plant, can be deferred, at least, until such date as the partial development of the Shannon is utilised to the full.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURTS.

MARGARINE PROSECUTION.

(Before Mr. Cooper, K.C.)

Samuel Boyce, Brighton Stores, Harold's Cross road, was prosecuted by Mr. McKeogh, Foods and Drugs Inspector, for offering for sale by retail a box of margarine to which was not attached a label of the necessary dimensions.

Mr. C. M. Russell appeared to prosecute, and Mr. E. H. Burns defended.

His worship imposed a fine of £1, and added that he believed that the defendant had no intention of selling the margarine as butter.

ROBBERY BY A MESSENGER.

Daniel O'Connell, a messenger, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour for stealing from the School of Pathology, Trinity College, two overcoats, value £13; a stethoscope, two pairs of gloves, and a gentleman's muffler, the property of students. The property was recovered in pawn offices by Detective Officers Kinahan and Berry, who had charge of the case.

BELFAST ACADEMICAL INSTITUTION.

Mr. Geoffrey Garred, headmaster of Sevenoaks School, Kent, was yesterday appointed headmaster of the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. Mr. Garred is 37 years of age, and was educated at Winchester, where he was Foundation Scholar. He proceeded to New College, Oxford, where he gained a second in Classical Mods. and the Finals. He was an assistant master at the City of London School for four years.

KILLED BY MOTOR CYCLE.

Daniel Mahony, of Fergus, Co. Cork, was riding a horse at Coachford yesterday, when the noise of the approaching motor cycle caused the animal to shy, and Mahony was thrown to the ground and almost instantly killed by the motor cycle.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

TIVOLI THEATRE.—It was announced yesterday that the Tivoli Theatre, Dublin, which has been closed for some time on account of labour troubles, will re-open on Monday. The management has engaged the Dixie Ministrels for the week.

DUBLIN TRAMWAYS 'BUS BILL.—Electors of the Kingstown Urban District yesterday approved of the proposed opposition of the Council to the Dublin United Tramways Company's Omnibus Bill, and also approved that the payment of the expenses of the opposition should be paid out of district funds.

"SANITARY PROSECUTIONS."—In a paragraph in these columns yesterday it was stated that John Hayden, 34 Lower Dominick street, had been fined in respect of a nuisance. The premises, 34 Lower Dominick street, are occupied by Mrs. William Morris; nobody of the name of John Hayden lives there, nor have the premises been the subject of a sanitary prosecution.

DUBLIN WIRELESS CLUB.—A well-attended meeting of the above was held last Thursday at the club premises, 32 Wicklow street. Mr. A. C. Bridle, the hon. secretary, gave an interesting talk on "Some Wireless Experiences." In pre-war days the amateurs were all keen enthusiasts, and only a good knowledge of Morse enabled one to pass an interesting evening, after having spent some time in adjusting one of the old-time detectors, such as the coherer. Nowadays, he said, one had merely to turn a knoby and at every few degrees telephony came in.

PRESENTATION TO RAILWAY OFFICIAL.—Last Tuesday afternoon, at the head offices of the Great Northern Railway, Amiens street, Dublin, a cheque was presented to Mr. S. S. C. Joyce on his retirement from the position of Paymaster of the Company, after fifty years' service. The presentation was made by Mr. John Bagwell, the general manager, who said that such partings were of a sad nature, but that after such a long period of service, perhaps a period of leisure would not be without its compensations. Mr. Joyce had a record of 53 years' consecutive service without a single day's absence.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS.—Lord Clonmore, Lady Chance, R. J. Russell, Henry Cohen, T. F. Ryan, Miss Prendergast, J. Sullivan, Miss Sullivan, Hon. M. Porter, W. E. Porter, W. Edwards, Master Humphries, W. Rider, Miss Miss Laughlin, Miss S. Smith Kevit, Miss Fleming, Misses Chance, W. J. Dowds, A. E. Knapp, Master E. O. Knapp, Miss Guinan, M. Horgan, A. Lambe, M. O'Mahony, E. Healy, H. Crean, Misses Doran, Miss Surtich, A. Gassenell, D. Smith.

DEPARTURES.—E. W. Kirby, Miss A. M. Stritch, Master Mackay, Mr. G. Walsh, Mrs. Gault, T. Webb, Mrs. Fulton, Miss F. Marks, Miss Jeffcott, A. H. Cox, R. G. Bruen, Dr. McDonnell, D. H. Burdett, Miss Battersby, E. Jones, Dr. Miller, Miss Collister, J. Ryan, P. Cummins, R. J. Hothwell, J. F. Leland, Mrs. Fulton, W. Parsons, Miss Oddie, Miss K. Watson, Miss H. Clarke, A. E. Terry, the Misses Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McLoughlin, A. Dent, J. Bowden.

CONNAUGHT.

ROSCOMMON UNION ESTIMATE.—Roscommon County Board of Health estimate for the ensuing year is £22,980, which is £6,000 less than that for the current year. The new rates will be 7½d. on land and 1s. 3½d. on buildings.

LEINSTER.

TEACHING IRISH IN KILKENNY.—By a majority of five votes to two Kilkenny Joint Technical Committee adopted a scheme for teaching Irish in the county, under which it is proposed to appoint an organiser. Captain J. E. B. Loftus strongly opposed the scheme, on the ground that there had been no satisfactory results from last year's scheme, for which the County Council struck a rate of a penny in the £. Father O'Keeffe remarked that the present was not a time for putting an extra burden on the ratepayers. There had been no demand for extra classes last year, and school-going children, who were not entitled to become members, were enrolled.

NURSE'S CLAIM FOR WAGES.—At Tullamore yesterday, Nurse Mary Gilsennon obtained a decree for £21, the full amount of her claim, for acting as midwife at Rhode for ten weeks, at £2 2s. a week. The King's County Board of Health, who were the defendants, admitted that the work had been done, but the Local Government Department refused to sanction the payment, as the nurse was not registered. The plaintiff produced her diploma from a recognised hospital, and said that the reason why she had not registered was that she would have to go to Dublin to be examined, and she could not afford the expense. The justice remarked that she was very poorly paid at £2 2s. a week. The plaintiff did the work and was entitled to payment.

CHRISTMAS BOX SHILLING.—Kilkenny County Board of Health has granted an extra shilling to recipients of outdoor relief for Christmas. Waterford County Board has decided to make a similar gift.

ASSAULTED A BAILIFF.—For assaulting a bailiff, Daniel Rice, Lower Rath, Cooley, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour at Dundalk. The magistrate subsequently altered the sentence to a fine of £5.

MUNSTER.

MILD WEATHER AND EPIDEMICS.—The doctor reported to the Limerick Public Health Committee meeting yesterday that during the last fortnight only two cases of infectious disease had been notified.

THE MARCH OF PROGRESS.—The Limerick-Newtownsands mail service, which covers Foynes, Glin and Tarbert, will in future be carried out by motor van. For 50 years the service has been conducted by horse-drawn vehicles.

KINSALE RURAL ESTIMATE.—The estimate adopted by the Kinsale Rural Council for the ensuing year is £29,525. The amount for the current year was £3,337, the reduction being equivalent to 3½d. in the £.

ULSTER.

WOMAN DOCTOR NOT WANTED.—Dr. Charles O'Reilly, Fomessan, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan, has been appointed medical officer of the Virginia Dispensary district by 11 votes to 10 cast for a woman. Some members of the Committee said that the people did not want a woman doctor.

A branch of the Order of Rechabites has been established in Killester, Dublin.

A girl named Colley was injured in the Greenmount Spinning Mills, Harold's Cross, Dublin, yesterday, through her hair catching in revolving machinery.

The North-West (Dublin) School Attendance Committee yesterday passed a resolution expressing regret at the death of Father Maher, who was for twenty years a member of the Committee.

The Post has presented a gold medal to the Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, on the attainment of his fortieth year as Bishop of Ossory.

The National Foresters' Executive has presented a Forester's scarf to the Dowager Countess of Desart, as an appreciation of the hospitality that she extended to the members of the Foresters' Convention in Kilkenny last August.

A number of cakes, made by the students in the School of Domestic Economy, a branch of the Rathmines Municipal Technical Institute, were displayed yesterday in the institute. The exhibition reflected great credit on all concerned.

Miss Kathleen O'Sullivan, a pupil of Mme. Jeanie Smurthwaite, Adine School of Dancing, passed the elementary examination of the Operatic Association of Dancing, recently held in Holland Park avenue, London. The candidates were examined by Espinosa, and the judges were Mme. Adeline Genee and Messrs. McLennan and Demery.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

LURGAN WORKHOUSE AND WIRELESS.—Lurgan Board of Guardians has been informed by the Local Government Board that the rates cannot pay for wireless sets, which the Guardians had proposed to instal in the workhouse. The Board decided to ask the Belfast Sports Gala Committee if it could make a subscription, to be added to the amount which the guardians themselves would subscribe for the purpose.

POACHER SHOT.—A verdict of death from a shot fired by a policeman in the execution of his duty was returned at an inquest in Gortin, Co. Tyrone, into the death of James Warnock, aged 23, who was shot when running from the police, who made a raid on a party of poachers at Glenark last Sunday.

CONSTABLES PROMOTED.—The following constables of the Belfast Force have been made sergeants:—R. J. Goodwin, Musgrave street; J. Murdy, Musgrave street; J. Arnold, Mountpottinger; H. Kerr, Mountpottinger; and W. McCairn, Commissioner's Office; C. F. Taylor, Commissioner's Office; M. Kelly, Lisburn road; J. McClintock, Brown Square, and J. Doyle, Antrim road.

NEW BELFAST ORGANIST.—Mr. G. F. Guyll has been appointed organist and choirmaster of St. George's Parish Church, Belfast. Mr. Guyll is a native of Ripon, and was assistant organist at Ripon Cathedral from 1921 to 1924. He has been accompanist of the Cathedral Oratorio Society and the Ripon Operatic Society.

NEWRY CANAL SPEED LIMIT.—Newry Port and Harbour Trust has decided to enforce a speed limit of four miles an hour on vessels using the sea-going canal, in consequence of damage done to the banks by vessels going at a greater speed.

KILLED BY MOTOR CAR.—Mrs. Elizabeth Payton, Camden Villa, Balmoral, Belfast, died in a hospital last night from injuries received by being knocked down by a motor car in the Lisburn road earlier in the evening.

Unemployment in Northern Ireland increased by 168 during last week. The number of persons unemployed last Monday was 40,642, of whom 31,445 are men.

CORK CORPORATION EMPLOYES.

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSIONER.

The Commissioner for Cork, Mr. Philip Monahan, speaking in the City Hall there yesterday, where he disposed of business which was formerly done by the Corporation, replied to some of his critics. He was glad, he said, that the Workers' Council were devoting some consideration to the manner in which he was discharging his duties, and welcomed it more than the usual vague praise which was often a mere anticipation of favours to come.

"It is alleged," he said, "that the Commissioner is doing nothing but 'sacking' unfortunate workers. The answer to that is that up to the present the only persons dismissed are those whose services were clearly unnecessary, and in most cases those whose employment was only of a temporary character. One ganger was ordered to be dismissed this week because his entire gang had to await his arrival after the time fixed for the starting of work. Three men are being dismissed from the distilecting department. The number of disinfections is twelve, the number of men in the department is seven, and if three are not superfluous they must be very inferior workmen altogether. Three men have been dismissed from the city gardener's staff. Their employment is a scandal. These men were put on on the 3rd of March this year for the purpose of lopping off the dangerous branches of some trees after a storm. They have been left on to the present day."

The Commissioner mentioned several other instances where he had got rid of superfluous men, and said that he had given the City Solicitor instructions to take the necessary steps to have the powers of the Cornmarket Committee revoked.

"With rates at their present level they could not hope to attract new industries in Cork. If the rates were reduced to a reasonable figure it might induce people to come there and so provide additional employment. Numerically, the entire staff of the Ministry of Local Government was less than the sum total of the staffs employed in the City and County of Cork, and with regard to salaries, the Secretary of the Ministry was not more highly paid than the Town Clerk; the Chief Road Engineer of the Department was in receipt of a salary smaller than that proposed for the new City Engineer; the auditors were paid less than the City Treasurer, and the medical inspectors less than the average dispensary doctor."

CHRISTMAS PUZZLES.

The Weekly Irish Times Christmas Number offers cash prizes in puzzle competitions for the largest list of Irish products compiled from a square of letters; for a Christmas message solution of a simple picture puzzle, and for fourteen words in a pictorial acrostic. It also contains answers to the children's mixed letter puzzle. A photographic calendar is given free with each issue of the paper.

ROSSE COLLEGE, STEPHEN'S GREEN.—Successes since January 1 include:—Bank of Ireland Male Clerkships—34 of the 46 appointments; Bank of Ireland Lady Clerkships—7 of the 12 appointments; Guinness' First Class Clerkships—all the appointments; Royal Bank—11 of the 15 appointments.—(Advt.)

LORD DARLING'S LAST CASE.

ARABIAN EMIR LOSES HIS ACTION.

The hearing was concluded in the King's Bench, London, last evening of the action by Prince Habib Lotfallah, an Arabian Emir, against Mr. Walter Harper, for damages for alleged misrepresentation in connection with a sale of shares in the Westminster Construction Company.

The jury returned a verdict for defendant, and judgment was entered accordingly, with costs.

In his summing up Lord Darling strongly emphasised to the jury the serious nature of the charge brought against defendant. The charge of fraud was practically a criminal matter, and if the jury had the slightest doubt as to whether or not the charge was established, it was for them to return a verdict in favour of defendant. "It does not matter," his lordship continued, "whether the plaintiff is a prince or not. He is entitled to the same sort of justice as everyone receives. You must not be overawed by the fact of his being a prince. If the King of the Cannibal Islands came to court and failed to prove his case, you should not find for him."

This case probably marks the end of Lord Darling's distinguished career as a judge of the High Court. He emerged from his retirement to assist the King's Bench Division to overtake its arrears of work, and, in view of the recent appointment of two additional judges, it is unlikely that his lordship will be back on the bench for the Hilary Sittings, which open in January.

CHARGE OF RESCUING A PRISONER.

At Cork District Court yesterday, Michael Walsh, of Ballintemple, was charged with having on November 10th, at Ballintemple, conspired with a number of other persons, not in custody, to rescue, and with having rescued from lawful custody, a man who had been taken into custody as a polling booth in Ballintemple on a charge of attempted personation.

Accused was remanded on bail for eight days.

POLITICS AS A CAREER.

Mr. Edward Shortt, K.C., at Speech Day at the Royal Grammar School, at Newcastle yesterday, said that he had heard young men advised to keep clear of politics. That was unpatriotic advice. Unless men of education took part in the government of the city or country what was to become of it? He did not want the government of the country handed over to wild, worthless men.

The French Chamber yesterday decided, by 237 votes to 170, that henceforth the election of the President of the Chamber will take place by public ballot.

A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY.

A visit to Marleen Salons will delight you, for at Marleen there is a wonderful display of the most exquisite Dance and Theatre Frocks, direct from Paris.

You will be sure to find the very Frock you have longed for—a Frock that suits you perfectly in every detail. Remember the address — 114 Stephen's Green.—(Advt.)

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY.

The letters "S.B." signify a simultaneous broadcast from the stations mentioned.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

2.30-4.30 (approx.)—Carol Concert by the Royal Choral Society: Megan Foster, Olga Haley, Parry Jones, Peter Dawson. 4.55 (approx.)-5.30—The Wireless Octet. 5.30-5.15—Children. 5.40-6.55—Col. L. Hawkins: "What Mooring Costs." 7.0—Time Signal from Big Ben. Weather and News. S.B. to all Stations. Mrs. Philip Snowden on "The Upbuilding of Palestine." S.B. to Cardiff. 7.30—Grace Ivell and Vivian Worth (comedy duets), Arnold Beauvais (jazz), R. I. Stephenson (entertainer). The Wireless Orchestra. 9.30—Time from Greenwich. Weather and News. S.B. to all Stations. Mr. R. Basano, Mr. Hockey Tonics." S.B. to all Stations. 10.0—The Savoy Orpheans and Savoy Havana Bands. S.B. to all Stations. 12.0—Close.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—478 Metres.

5.0-5.30—Women. 6.30-6.45—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. Mr. Gil Evans on Rugby Football. 7.30—Haidee Dunn and Frank Boyde. Incidental Music by the Station Orchestra. 8.30—Weather and News. Mr. Harry E. Haslam. S.B. from London. Football Review. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. 12.0—Close.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.

5.45-6.0—The "6BM" Quintet: Reginald S. Mears (violin), Nita Bantock (2nd violin), James Poulton (viola), Thomas E. Illingworth (cello), Arthur Marston (at the piano). 8.0-8.30—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. Mr. Percy Trewin on "Deep Sea Diving." 7.40—Winifred Arcott (soprano), Annie Halchard (contralto), Walter Glynne (tenor), Ernest Pike (baritone). The Wireless Orchestra. 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. Harry E. Haslam. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. 12.0—Close.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.

3.0-4.0—Orchestra. 4.45-5.15—"5WA'S" "Five O'Clocks." 5.15-6.0—Children. 6.45—Mr. H. Kendrick on "The Racing Pigeon." 7.0—Weather and News. Mrs. Philip Snowden. S.B. from London. 7.30—Concert Party. The Station Orchestra. 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. Harry E. Haslam. S.B. from London. Local News. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. S.B. from London. 12.0—Close.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—375 Metres.

3.30-4.30—Concert Party. 4.30-5.0—Women. 5.0-6.0—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. Mr. F. Stacey Luttett: Weekly Talk on Sport. 7.30—The Piccadilly Dance Band. Frank Taylor (dance). 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. Harry E. Haslam. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. 12.0—Close.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—315 Metres.

5.30-5.45—Orchestra. 5.30-6.30—Children. 7.0-10.30—London Programme.

BELFAST (2BE)—333 Metres.

4.0-5.0—The "2BE" Trio. 5.30-6.15—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. S.B. from London. The Ulster Amateur Male Voice Choir. The Station Orchestra. Gramophone Concert. Competitors are invited to send postcards naming their favourite groups of orchestral pieces). 7.30—Orchestra: March, "Colonel Bogey" (Alford); Overture, "Light Cavalry" (Suppé); Selection, Group 1—"Dance of the Gnomes" (Lipinsky), "Shepherd's Dance" (Henry VIII.) (German); Waltz, "Dreaming" (Orth); Selection, Group 2—Irish Melody. Male Voice Choir: "He That Hath a Pleasant Face" (Hatton), "The Winds Whistle Cold" (Handel), "Tom o' the Bonny Heights o' the Mountains" (Elgar), "Evening Pastorale" (Shaw). 8.7—Orchestra: Group 3—(a) Barratt), "Chansonette" (Brian Hope), "Join the Dance" (Lotter). 8.15—Orchestra: Group 4—Minuet in G (Beethoven); "The Fairies' Glen," Intermezzo (Pitt); "The Kitties' Knorrishin" (F. Mackenzie). 8.30—Male Voice Choir: "Come, Let Us Join the Roundelay" (Beale), "Hob-a-Derry-Dahra" (E. Wood). "Down Among the Dead Men" (V. Williams), "The Long Day Closes" (Sullivan). Orchestra: Group 5—"Roberto Tu Che Adora," "Ugo, Conti di Parigi," "Lend Me Your Aid." 9.5—Orchestra: Group 6—(a) Selection, "Hansel and Gretel" (Humperdinck), (b) Intermezzo, Harp, and Strings: Gavotte, Rondo (from 6th Sonata) (Bach); Irish Reels and Jigs. 9.30—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Mr. Harry E. Haslam. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. S.B. from London. 12.0—Close.

SUNDAY.

The letters "S.B." signify a simultaneous broadcast from the stations mentioned.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

3.0—The Music of "Peter Pan," from the Adelphi Theatre, London. 3.30—Kate Winter and Co.—Children's Concert. S.B. from Cardiff. 5.30—Carol-Anthem, "Now Once Again." Religious Address by the Rev. J. Morgan Gibbon. 6.0—Carols and the Piccadilly Orchestra. Betty Bowen (soprano). 10.0—Time Signal. Weather Forecast and News. S.B. to all Stations. 10.15—De Groot and the Piccadilly Orchestra (continued). Hardy and Stringer: Gavotte, Rondo (from 6th Sonata) (Bach); Irish Reels and Jigs. 9.30—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Mr. Harry E. Haslam. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. S.B. from London. 12.0—Close.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.

3.0-3.30—Children's Hour: Audrey Owen (recitatives), Enid Jones (soprano), Edna Pye (contralto). 6.0-6.30—Children's Corner. S.B. from Cardiff. 6.30-9.0—Hymns. Rev. F. Redwood. Holy Trinity Church, Bordesley. 9.0—De Groot and the Piccadilly Orchestra. 10.0—Weather Forecast and News. 10.15—De Groot and the Piccadilly Orchestra. 10.30—Close down.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.

3.0—Herbert Heyner (baritone), Doris Yane (soprano), Reginald S. Mount (solo violin), the "6BM" Dance Orchestra, conducted by Capt. W. A. Featherstone. 5.0-5.30—Children's Corner. S.B. from Cardiff.

FREE STATE ROADS.

IMPROVEMENT URGENTLY NEEDED.

GOVERNMENT LOAN ADVOCATED.

A meeting of the Irish Motorists' Union in Dublin yesterday called upon the Government to raise a loan for the improvement of roads in the Free State, the loan to be secured on the revenue from motor taxation.

Mr. J. A. Ryan, County Dublin Surveyor, said that the Government should give as much attention to its road service as it did to the postal services. Although traffic had increased and the cost of labour had also increased, the limit of expenditure on roads all over Ireland was less than before.

At the present time in the twenty-six counties, said Mr. Ryan, about a million and a half pounds was being spent on roads. They had at present, roughly, 1,500 miles of trunk roads, and to put them in a decent state would cost £2,000 per mile, or £3,000,000 altogether. They would then have an average life of five or six years. In the meantime they could get the roads ahead of the traffic, instead of, as now, having the traffic ahead of the roads. A great change in the materials used for road-construction was also required. Concrete was twice as durable as macadam.

The arguments which had led to the amalgamation of the railways could be equally well applied to roads. There was an overlapping in administration. There was no reason why the Dublin-Cork road should be under six or seven local bodies. In the twenty-six counties they had twenty or so different bodies making roads, without co-operation.

THE MODERN STANDARD.

Mr. McCabe said that three problems confronted them—finance, administration, and construction. It was only by spending a huge amount of money that they could bring their roads up to modern requirements. The only way they could do that was through a loan. Better roads would mean increased traffic and revenue by attracting tourists. He was in favour of central authority for all Ireland to take over the arterial road, leaving the County Council responsible for the minor roads.

Dr. Conway said that the improvement of the roads would be greatly appreciated by the farmers. It would stimulate competition, and lead to a general increase in prosperity.

MONEY LYING BY.

Captain Reddy said that he was absolutely opposed to local bodies. They should never have been established, because they only stood for the benefit of local interests. If they had something on the style of commissioners—say, three men with a trained staff—much better work would be done. He thought they could easily raise a loan from the business community.

Mr. Sullivan said that the Government had spent virtually no money on roads, and they must have at least three million pounds lying by.

On the motion of the Chairman (Mr. Martin Ryan), seconded by Mr. Sainsbury, it was resolved that the union should impress on the Government the advisability of raising a loan for the improvement of the roads, the loan to be secured on the revenue raised from motor taxation.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—A depression now centred over the mid-Atlantic will move north-eastward, maintaining mild south-westerly winds over the British Isles, strong at times in the extreme North-West, and perhaps reaching gale force there. The weather for the most part will be cloudy, with occasional rain in the North-West, and slight local drizzle in other parts.

N.W. Ireland. — Wind southerly to south-westerly, strong at times, with risk of gale force; cloudy; occasional rain or drizzle; visibility moderate; mild.

N.E., S.E. and S.W. Ireland. — Wind southerly to south-westerly, moderate or fresh; mainly cloudy; local drizzle; visibility moderate; mild.

S.W. Seaboard, Mouth of Channel to South-West Ireland; Irish Sea and St. George's Channel. — Wind southerly or south-westerly, moderate or fresh; mainly cloudy; local drizzle and mist; sea moderate.

N.W. Seaboard, Northern Ireland to Hebrides.—Wind south-westerly, strong at times, with risk of gale force locally; cloudy; some rain; visibility mainly moderate, but local mist; sea rather rough or rough.

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BAROMETER.

Dublin—Friday (5 p.m.) 30.10

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HIGH WATER. DUBLIN.

To-day....Morning 5.21 Afternoon 5.50
To-morrow.. „ .. 6.29 „ 6.58

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—Closed.
Theatre Royal—Varieties, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Chocolate Drops." 7 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"Wangles of 1924," 7 and 9.
Abbey Theatre—"The Playboy of the Western World" and "Sovereign Love," 2.30 and 8 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"The Bad Man," 4.15, 6.45, and 9.15 p.m.
Metropole Cinema—"Sherlock, Jr.," 2.15, 4.45, 7.15 and 9.45 p.m.; also "The Oakdale Mystery," at 3.0, 5.30 and 8.0 p.m.
Bohemian Picture Theatre—"Circus Days," 4.30 to 10.30 p.m.
Princess Cinema, Rathmines—"Zaza." 3 to 10.30.
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"Pavements of Gold," 5.30 to 10.15 p.m.
Christmas Fair, 40 Upper O'Connell street, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 10 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS IN THE DAIL.

FINAL STAGES OF TWO BILLS.

Among other business dealt with in the Dail yesterday was an inquiry by Mr. Davin, who asked that efforts should be made in future to prevent a rush of business at the end of the session; the fifth stage of the Local Government Bill, and the Port and Docks Bill.

Mr. Davin asked for an assurance from the Vice-President that on the resumption after the recess some indication would be given of the measures to be dealt with in the new session; and, further, that bills would be dealt with in such a way so that they would not have to be rushed, as in the last two sessions.

The Vice-President said that he, too, was of the opinion that it would be a very proper thing on the reassembly of the Dail that a statement should be made as to the order in which legislation would be brought forward. No kind of statement of the kind at the beginning of a session could prevent a certain amount of pressure at the end. That was the experience of every Parliament. At the same time, he did not agree that there had been any abnormal pressure during the present session, and he rather objected to the suggestion that legislation had been rushed through in a hasty way.

Mr. Johnson submitted the second interim report of the Committee of Public Accounts, and the House ordered that same be printed and circulated.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.

On the fifth stage of the Local Government Bill, continued opposition to the measure was expressed by Mr. Johnson, and also by Mr. Morrissey. Mr. Johnson said that the measure would detract from the principle of local responsibility for local affairs, and would tend to deprive the citizens of the sense of responsibility. Mr. Morrissey described the bill as a most inhuman piece of legislation.

Mr. Lyons and Mr. Corish spoke against the measure. The latter stated that, had such a bill been brought forward in the British House of Commons a few years ago, it would have been denounced in all the moods and tenses. It was a measure which gave the Minister for Local Government autocratic powers, and did away with the voice of the people in local administration. The Minister had made no attempt to justify the discrimination in the treatment of working men and the clerical staffs employed by local authorities.

Messrs. John Daly and David Hall also opposed the measure.

On a division, the bill was passed by 41 votes to 13, and was ordered for transmission to the Senate.

DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BILL.

The Dublin Port and Docks Bill was taken through the remaining stages, being opposed at each stage by Mr. Johnson, who considered that a bill referring to the election of members of the Board should have contained clauses reforming the franchise.

Divisions were challenged on the report and final stages, and in the end the latter was agreed to by 26 votes to 13.

The bill was accordingly passed.

QUESTIONS IN THE DAIL.

NORTHERN GOVERNMENT'S POWERS.

The Minister for Industry and Commerce, in reply to Mr. Thomas Johnson, said that his attention had been drawn to a notice that application was intended to be made in the Northern Parliament by the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway for an Act of Parliament in connection with the Ballycastle Railway. He assumed that the Northern Parliament, when the application came before it, would refuse to entertain it on the ground that it had no powers of legislation with reference to railways. Should the application be entertained by the Northern Parliament, appropriate action would be taken.

SALARIES OF SECONDARY TEACHERS.

Mr. McGilligan, for the Minister of Education, in reply to Professor Thrift, said that the principles involved in the new rules for the payment of increments of salary to the secondary teachers had now been settled. It was proposed that the scheme should apply as from the beginning of the present school year.

BROADCASTING STATION.

In reply to Mr. P. S. Doyle, the Minister for Finance said that the scheme for setting up a broadcasting station in the Saorstat submitted by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs was at present under consideration. He hoped to make an announcement on the matter at an early date.

THE EXTRA PENNY.

Replying to Mr. J. J. Cole, the Minister for Finance said that under Section 22 of the Finance Act, 1924, every Customs entry form (not being a duplicate of such form) required by law must bear an adhesive stamp of the value of sixpence in respect of each separate description of goods required to be stated in accordance with the official import list. He understood that the carrying companies were collecting from consignees an extra levy of one penny for each sixpence of Customs duty paid, for their services as agents. This penny, however, was not a revenue charge.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The Minister for Finance, in reply to Capt. Redmond, said that the examination for permanent clerical officers in the Civil Service was intended to test the knowledge and ability of candidates for work generally assigned to clerks in the Civil Service as a whole. In this and other respects it would be the same as the recent examination for the same class of appointment, which was confined to candidates who had served in the National forces.

WOOD-RENTON COMMISSION.

In reply to Mr. Connor Hogan, the Minister for Finance stated that an extension of the terms of reference of the Compensation (Ireland) Commission was being drafted, and would be officially presented to the Commission next week. As a period must be allowed within which claims arising out of the extended terms of reference might be lodged, it was impossible to state when the Commission would present its final report. It was expected, however, that its labours would be concluded in the early part of next year.

NEW YEAR BANK HOLIDAY.

Mr. McGilligan, in reply to Mr. Thomas Johnson, said it was not intended to proclaim Saturday, 27th December, as a Bank Holiday, but the Government proposed to proclaim a Bank Holiday on 1st January.

PARIS EXHIBITION.

The Minister for Industry and Commerce, in reply to Mr. Osmond Grattan Esmonde, said that only one reply had been received to his inquiry amongst possible exhibitors at the Paris Exhibition of next year. In these circumstances there was not sufficient interest in the exhibition to recommend participation at the public expense.

WOLFHILL COLLIERY.

The Minister for Industry and Commerce, replying to Mr. Davin, said that no complaints about defective ventilation at Wolfhill Colliery had been received, but unofficial information showed that the workers were complaining. Officials of his department were satisfied that all that could be done was being done. No formal inspection report was made. The possibility of carrying on the colliery was being inquired into, and should it prove practicable the proper conditions of working would, of course, require to be secured.

The Minister for Finance, in reply to Mr. Davin, said that he was not aware of any agreement between the National Land Bank and the Wolfhill Colliery. At present he saw no reason for extending the date of the closing down of the colliery beyond 31st December.

RECEIPTS FOR PASSPORTS.

The Minister for External Affairs in reply to Mr. Esmonde, said that the sum realised from April 1, 1924, to date in respect of the issue of Irish passports in Dublin was £7,734 5s. 9d. The sum realised from July 30th to the end of last month in respect of the issue of visas on passports for Ireland in New York City was £1,345 4s. 4d.

WORN-OUT HORSES.

The Minister for Lands and Agriculture, in reply to Professor Thrift, said that while the Department of Agriculture had no power to prohibit the export of horses that were fit to undergo the sea journey they were empowered to prevent the shipment of horses which, owing to illness, injury, fatigue or other cause, could not be carried without unnecessary suffering. Care would continue to be taken to ensure the strict enforcement of the transit orders. In connection with recent exportations to Belgium, several horses were refused shipment by the Department's Portal Inspectors, on the ground of unfitness for the journey. That would be continued where necessary. Further action in the matter did not at present seem called for.

NORTH DUBLIN UNION.

The Minister for Local Government, in reply to Mr. A. Byrne, said that the future of the North Dublin Union Buildings was engaging the attention of the Commissioners.

THE CASE OF FRY AND CO.

Mr. Thomas Johnson asked the Minister for Finance if his attention had been drawn to the fact that the premises of Fry and Company, poplin manufacturers, Dublin, had been seized by bailiffs on account of debt due for income tax; if he was aware that, as a consequence, fifty or sixty workers were likely to be disemployed and become claimants upon the Unemployment Insurance Fund; whether the firm in question made a proposal several months ago to pay the amount due in large instalments; and whether, in view of the assurances given by the President and the Minister that no harsh measures would be adopted for the enforcement of payment of arrears of income tax where debtors showed signs of making reasonable efforts to pay, he would take whatever steps were necessary to release Messrs. Fry and Company from the stranglehold of the bailiffs.

The Minister for Finance—The deputy appears to have been misinformed as to the facts of this case. The premises of Fry and Company were not seized by bailiffs on account of debt due for income tax, although a large amount of income tax is due to the State. The seizure was made by an order of the High Court as the result of an action against Fry and Company for sums due in respect of excess profits duty. Prior to the institution of proceedings in the High Court no proposals for payment were put forward, although every opportunity was given to liquidate the debt. The proposals put forward after proceedings had been taken involved the spreading of payment over a period of fourteen years. As some of the debt is already seven years overdue, and the latest portion of it is four years overdue, the proposals could not be allowed to interfere with the proceedings.

"Generally speaking, it is not desirable that individual cases of this nature should be referred to in detail in the Dail, because it is not possible to disclose all the facts. But in this case a certain amount of propaganda has been carried on, and I feel it necessary to refer to certain aspects of the case.

"In the first instance, Fry and Company rendered fraudulent accounts which showed a large under-statement of profits. In December, 1921, it was proposed by the British authorities to institute criminal proceedings against Mr. Reade for fraud and, in addition, to impose penalties amounting to over £5,000. Owing to the change of Government the criminal proceedings for fraud and the action for penalties were waived by the Saorstat Finance Minister, and the demand was limited to the actual loss of duty.

"The case has reached its present stage mainly because of Mr. Reade's extravagant living and gambling. It is common knowledge that in a lawsuit which came before the High Court in 1921 it was disclosed that Mr. Reade lost £460 at gambling in one night at the Galway race meeting, and it may be inferred from the history of the case that this was not an isolated affair. Mr. Reade holds, or has gambled away, a large sum of money belonging to the State, and there is no good reason why the revenue of the State should be used to subsidise him at the expense of other ratepayers who meet their liabilities."

APPOINTMENT OF LADY DOCTORS.

Mrs. Collins O'Driscoll asked the Minister for Local Government and Public Health whether his Department had written to the Grangegorman Mental Hospital stating that in future appointments on the medical staff of the Mental Hospital no lady doctors should be appointed; and whether this was not a direct violation of Article 3 of the Constitution of Saorstat Eireann, which expressly lays it down that every person without distinction of sex who is a citizen of Saorstat Eireann shall enjoy the privileges and be subject to the obligations of citizenship.

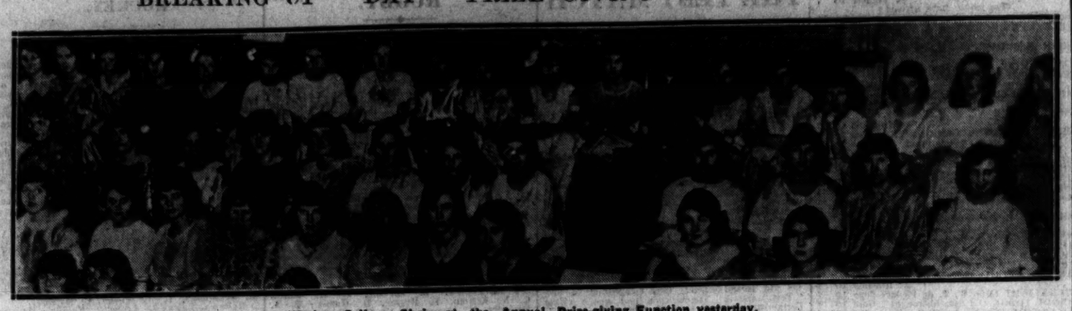
Mr. Burke (Minister for Local Government)—The facts are not as stated in the Deputy's question. The Committee were informed that I was satisfied that the interests of the two institutions controlled by the Grangegorman Joint Committee required that the forthcoming vacancy on the staff should be filled by a man, and that I would not agree to the appointment of a female medical officer. It was not a general order; it was an order dealing with a particular situation. At the present time in Portrane Mental Asylum there are two lady medical officers, and there has been considerable indiscipline amongst the male patients of the asylum, and it is considered desirable that a male doctor should be appointed to the next vacancy in order to get over that difficulty.

Mrs. Collins O'Driscoll—Arising out of the Minister's answer, is it a fact that because there is indiscipline women are to lose their rights as citizens?

Mr. Burke—It is not because there is indiscipline, but because it is considered that a male doctor is better qualified to deal with indiscipline of male lunatics than a female medical officer. There are various cases in my Department where a female medical officer is considered more suitable than a male. In such cases I stressed that fact when making the appointment. In this particular case I think it is quite obvious that where male patients have got out of hand it is more desirable that a male medical officer should be appointed to deal with them.

Had there been no Rent Restriction Act and no subsidies we might have been nearer to solving the housing problem to-day. Lord Dun of Guild Town

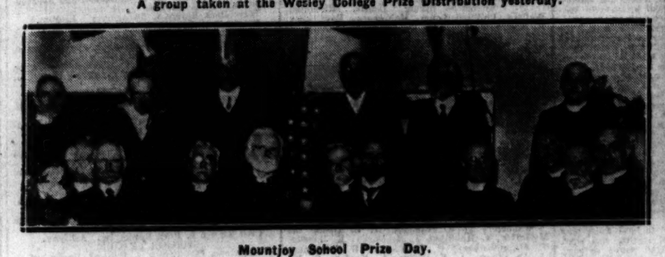
"BREAKING-UP" DAY: PRIZE-GIVING IN THE SCHOOLS.



Wesley College Choir at the Annual Prize-giving Function yesterday.

A group taken at the Wesley College Prize Distribution yesterday.

Messrs. W. R. Davies and J. H. Lett, joint winners of the Trustees' Cup at Wesley College Sports. The presentations were made yesterday.

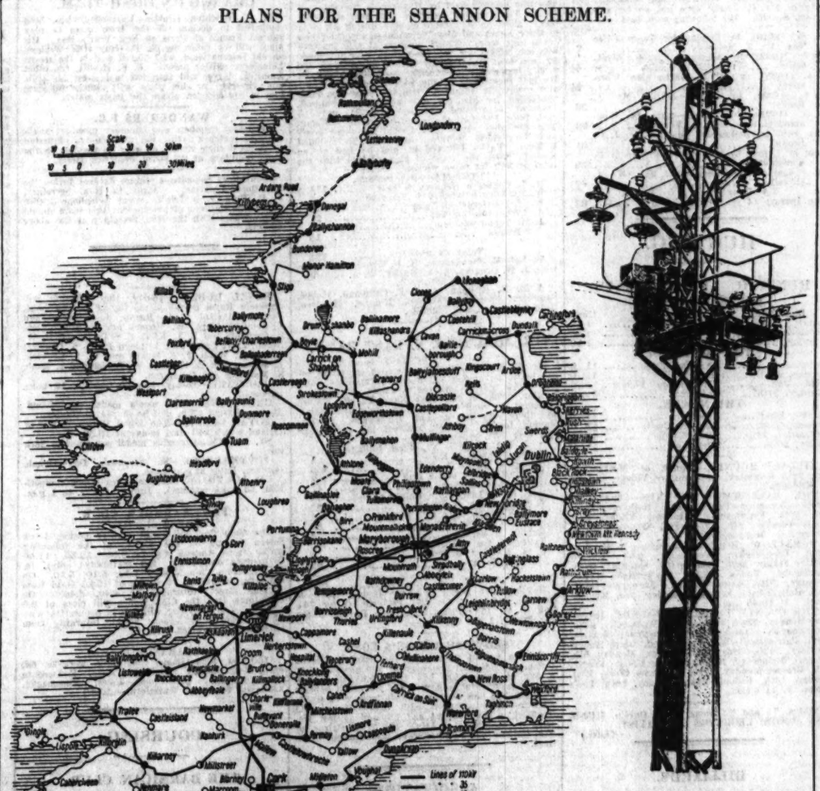


Mountjoy School Prize Day.

The Archbishop of Dublin presenting the Prizes at the Mountjoy School yesterday.

St. Andrew's College, Dublin. The group includes Mr. A. S. M. Imrie, Headmaster, reading the annual report; Dr. Denham Osborne, the Right Rev. R. W. Hamilton, Mr. Justice Dodd, Sir James Percy, and the Rev. J. Snowdon

PLANS FOR THE SHANNON SCHEME.



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Beidh an Fiosrúchán ar siúl i Halla an Bhaile, Deilginise, Dé h-Aoine, an 2 adh, lá d'Eanair, 1925, ar a h-aon-deug a chlog. Is féidir le héinne a bhuineann suim sa scéal bheith i láthair agus faisnéis do thabhairt uaidh.

EAMONN MacCARRAGHAMHNA, Runaidhe.
17/12/'24.
22/G 8724.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

DALKEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the powers vested in him by Section 101 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and all other powers thereunto enabling him, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has directed his Inspector, N. O'Dwyer, B.E., to hold an Inquiry on Oath into actions and directions given by the Dalkey Urban District Council connected with the laying of Gas Mains in the District.

The Inquiry will be held on Friday 2nd January, 1925, at 11 o'clock a.m., in the Town Hall, Dalkey. Any person interested may attend and give evidence thereat.

E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.
17/12/'24.
W.H.Co.

DISTRESS IN GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Your reference in to-day's paper to distress in Glencolumbkille, Co. Donegal, will recall to the few people left in Ireland who know and love that wild locality instances of recurring distress. My home was in the Parish of Glencolumbkille for over twenty years, and I have seen distress relieved through employment given on road-making or through a generous distribution of food and clothing. In some cases the funds were supplied by a few wealthy Protestant people who spent their summer holidays there; at other times the funds were provided from Government sources. But always the idea was strong among the people that all their misery was due to British misrule. This beautiful, remote district was, in my memory, first Nationalist, then Sinn Fein, and next Republican. Its population is predominantly Roman Catholic, but in Ireland, where either Roman Catholics or Protestants are in the majority, my experience has been that they live and let live unless stirred up to strife by those who do not reside in the locality. It is where the denominations are fairly evenly balanced that there is sectarian bitterness.

When I hear the enthusiasts for Celtic culture advocate its revival I think of townlands in Glencolumbkille where Irish was the vulgar tongue and where Irish customs prevailed. Stronger local rivalries I have never witnessed than between these Irish townlands. Their inhabitants rarely united or co-operated except when in opposition to some neighbouring grouping of their co-religionists. Kindly individuals, they were, with little genius for pulling together, depending on others than themselves to build their fences, drain their fields, buy at their fairs, organise their local industries, supply them with fishing gear, and always taking it for granted that they merited being thus spoon-fed. Those who were enterprising usually migrated to America or elsewhere for employment. The best friends of the people to my knowledge, were their fellow-countrymen of the old R.I.C. and the generous, open-handed, handy men in the coastguard stations. The landlords and the summer visitors from England brought money and business into this once popular holiday resort. There was no reason, in the nature of things, why the increasing prosperity of Glencolumbkille a quarter of a century ago should not have quickly evolved into settled prosperity, so as to enable the poorer people to tide over bad harvests or the damage often wrought by storms.

Now all this is changed. I visited Glencolumbkille in the summer of last year and saw its police barracks and coastguard station in ruins, its once popular hotel and Carrick Lodge, the country seat of the wealthy Musgrave family, of Belfast, also in ruins. An outpost of the Free State Army was stationed at the foot of Slieve Lieg to keep their fellow-countrymen in check. As I moved about among people well known to me for half a century, I found great bitterness of feeling, no longer against Great Britain, but against one another. An Irish Government is now responsible for restoring some measure of prosperity to people who are ill-equipped to look after themselves. There is little healing power in bitterness of spirit. I can well imagine the distress which is said to prevail, and I sincerely hope that an Irish Government will help the helpless as generously as did a Government which few of them appreciated, and that their new friends will stand by them in their distress as promptly and as sympathetically as their old friends did.—Yours, etc.,

"DOONAN."

Dublin, December 19th, 1924.

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A DAY OF FALLS.

DULLER'S BRILLIANT RIDING.

IRISH HORSES FAIL.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Friday Night.

Both those distinguished Irish performers, Maureen Bawn and Tom Crow, ran shockingly badly in the race for the Molesey Handicap Steeplechase at Hurst Park this afternoon. It would be hard to say which was worse. T. Leader did, by a desperate effort, get Maureen Bawn round, and she was placed third, because she was the only other left standing. To-day she had not only lost her form; but she had lost her action and lost her capacity to jump, and yet she started favourite. She jumped stickily all the way through. Tom Crow did not appear to be fancied, and could neither gallop nor jump a fence cleanly and quickly, and his jockey pulled him up when he was tailed off about three fences.

It was a remarkable race, for there did not appear to be a genuinely fancied candidate. I do not think there was much hope of a success for Ruddy Glow, who came down with Mr. Filmer Sankey at the stands fence, first time round. Cuckmere Lad made most of the running, but he hit the second last fence badly, and at the last he shot his jockey out of the saddle, leaving Cash Box to finish alone. Cuckmere Lad was remounted, and still finished in front of Maureen Bawn. It was altogether a travesty of a race, and it was the principal 'chase of the day, too.

There was yet another bad failure of an Irish horse during the day. Smoke Cloud was greatly fancied for the Hurst Park Handicap. He was never up with the leaders, and finished absolutely last. Frank Wootton came back on him with a look of disgust on his face. This race saw a splendid piece of riding on the part of G. Duller to get up on the favourite, Confirmation, after appearing to be well beaten, and beat Crock Hill. Confirmation was making the running in company with Old Nic, but between the last two hurdles Crock Hill headed him. At the last Crock Hill baulked Confirmation, who lost some ground. Duller, who was on the outside, then had to come between Crock Hill and Signet, and it was by a superlatively fine riding effort that his mount won by a nead from Crock Hill, Signet being third, three lengths away.

The last race, the Strawberry Hill, was won all the way by Imprudence, who easily resisted the challenge of Musteline, and beat him by three lengths. Holihonic was third, and White Park was fourth. The latter started favourite, but ran nothing like as well as at Sandown. Pomme-de-Guerre had taken second place and was going very strongly when he fell two fences from home. Five of the seven runners for the Selling Steeplechase fell, and Merry Horn broke his neck. Only Glengarry and Red Shank were then left standing, and the old white horse won easily in the hands of Mr. A. Brown.

White Ronald, the winner of the Amateurs' Steeplechase, was ridden by Flight-Lieutenant Ridley, of the Royal Air Force, who did well to beat the more experienced Mr. Rayson on Carrollstown by half a length. Connolly's Folly, usually the safest of jumpers, overjumped two fences from home, and came down. This hailed Devonport, who nearly put Mr. Tennant down at the last, but then finished third.

SCOTCH PEARL is a likely winner for the Surrey Three-Year-Old Maiden Hurdle to-morrow, and may again beat Bright Land and High Court and win. The Lonsdale Steeplechase may cut down a good deal, and as I like the chance of CAPPAWHITE, Sir Huon, who runs instead of Beggar's End for the Laleham Steeplechase, may not give the weight to TEST MATCH. Mr. Hastings will take the mount on KING SOLITUDE in the Thames National Hunt Flat Race, and I expect him to beat Mr. Wilmer Sankey on Southend.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

HURST PARK.

1.0 Race—5 to 2 agst. Test Match. 7 to 2 Royal Edgar. 4 to 1 Sir Huon. 6 to 1 Gardenrath, 7 to 1 Gem. 8 to 1 Ammonal, 10 to 1 any other.

2.0 Race—9 to 4 agst. Chaltel. 3 to 1 Feltham Hill, 9 to 2 More Pride. 6 to 1 Dominican, 7 to 1 each agst. Warrington and Uncertain, 8 to 1 each the other and Quarta, 10 to 1 Phat, 100 to 8 any other.

2.0 Race—2 to 1 agst. Le Cellier, 11 to 4 Southend, 4 to 1 Canopus, 5 to 1 Arduous, 7 to 1 Wee Laddie, 8 to 1 Hymir, 10 to 1 any other.

2.30—6 to 4 agst. Scotch Pearl, 7 to 2 Bright Land, 5 to 1 Cloth of Gold, 6 to 1 Witness, 7 to 1 each High Court and Cappawhite, 8 to 1 each Herod Antipas and Tutankhamen, 10 to 1 Spear o' War, 100 to 7 any other.

3.0 Race—Even Top Light, 4 to 1 agst. General Advance, 9 to 2 Ardaile, 5 to 1 Dash o' White, 7 to 1 Yorick, 8 to 1 Dorado, 10 to 1 any other.

3.30—7 to 4 agst. North Waltham, 5 to 2 Tower Hill, 7 to 2 Phaco, 6 to 1 Greenlawn, 7 to 1 Sinah Morris, 8 to 1 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

HURST PARK.

1. 0—Sir Huon. 2.30—Scotch Pearl.
1.30—Feltham Hill. 3. 0—Top Light.
2. 0—Southend. 3.30—North Waltham.
DOUBLE—Scotch Pearl and Top Light (nap).

A Student of Form.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Westminster Gazette :—To-day's best — Ardaile. Double—Scotch Pearl and Ardaile.

Daily News :—Double—Scotch Pearl and North Waltham.

Daily Express :—Double—Scotch Pearl and Southend. Safety bet—Scotch Pearl (to win).

Daily Mirror :—Double — Le Cellier and Scotch Pearl (nap).

Daily Graphic :—Double—Test Match and Scotch Pearl.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

The value of next year's Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse has been increased to 1,000 sovs. Entries close on January, 21st.

A partnership between Mrs. T. Coombe and Mr. O. McMullan in Ceylonese (5 years), Deflation (4 years), and Portumna (4 years), has been registered.

Mr. J. T. Widger has been elected a qualified rider under Rule 96, I.N.H.S. Rules.

The "Irish Racing Calendar" will be published on Wednesday next, and the Registry Office closed on Thursday and Friday.

The Stewards of the Turf Club and of the I.N.H.S. Committee, having received a report from the Stewards of the Jockey Club, that Mr. J. T. Measeri has been warned off all courses where their rules are in force, and that the horse, Mershid, has been disqualified from being entered or run in any race under such rules, they have extended the sentence and disqualification to all meetings under the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules.

Prose and Verse and Magheross have been struck out of all engagements in Ireland.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Hurst Park December Meeting engagements—Monna Elua, The Sheriff, Ballivalley, Bright's Boy.

D'ARCY'S
DUBLIN
Extra Stout.
This fine Stout can now be obtained in Bottle from Alex. Findlater and Co., Ltd., O'Connell St., Dublin, or at any of their Branches, viz.:—
65 Upper Dorset Street, Dublin.
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Upper Baggot Street, Dublin.
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2 Sandymount Green, Howth and Malahide.
37 Castle Street, Dalkey.
85 Lower George's St. Dun Laoghaire.
28 Main Street, Blackrock.
8 Main Street. Bri Chualann (Bray)

HURST PARK RESULTS.

1.0—AMATEURS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m. 310 yards.

Mr. R. McAlpine's b. h. WHITE RONALD, by Dark Ronald—Blanche II., a, 11-9 ..... Mr. Ridley 1
Miss W. G. Knight's CARROLSTOWN, 8, 11-7 ..... Mr. Rayson 2
Mr. F. Hartigan's DEVONPORT, 9, 11-10 ..... Mr. Tennant 3

Also ran—St. Endas (Mr. J. Biscood), Connolly's Folly (Owner), Rosy Sun (Mr. Pulford), Green Lawn (Mr. C. Harvey), Southern Joy (Mr. Sackville). Off 1.1. (Winner trained by G. Poole.)

Betting—9 to 4 agst Carrolstown, 4 to 1 Devonport, 9 to 2 Connolly's Folly, 5 to 1 Rosy Sun, 6 to 1 St. Endas, 8 to 1 WHITE RONALD, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by half a length; four lengths. Rosy Sun fell. Southern Joy was the only other horse to finish.

1.30—SURBITON SELLING THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. S. Rihile's PRINCESS PICTON, 10-5 ..... W. Speck 1
Mrs. A. C. Saunders' MAGENTA, 10-5 ..... A. Smyth 2
Sir Henry Bird's SOUTHOVER, 10-5 ..... Tighe 3

Also ran—North View (R. Veal), Cient (W. Baldling), Perfect Form (Pridmore), Siwonsay (F. Grantham), Phaloria (D. Dick), Christopher Wren (L. Rees), Harewick (L. Morgan), Black Jerry (W. Smyth), Naples (Ingham). Off 1.30. (Winner trained by H. Turner.)

Betting—3 to 1 each agst. PRINCESS PICTON and Harewick, 5 to 2 each Southover, 8 to 1 Magenta, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by three lengths; two lengths.

The winner was bought in for 500 guineas.

2.0—WEY SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 2 m. 310 yards.

Mrs. Crichton's gr. g. GLENGARRY II., by St. Lake, dam by Albos, a, 11-13 Mr. H. Brown 1
Mr. T. Hulme's REDSHANK, 5, 10-6 F. Gurney 2
Also ran—Fleecy Wave (Tighe), Prosperity (K. Pigott), Wrangle (Pridean), Sorrel Hill (Lefebve), Merry Horn (L. Hall). Off 2.1. (Winner trained by H. Brown.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst GLENGARRY II., 2 to 1 Fleecy Wave, 4 to 1 Wrangle, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by two lengths. Prosperity, Fleecy Wave, Sorrel Hill, Wrangle and Merry Horn fell.

The winner was sold for 150 guineas.

2.30—HURST PARK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 350 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. Siegmond Cohen's b. g. CONFIRMATION, by Aclot—Princess Pam, a, 11-3 G. Duller 1
Capt. H. C. Davey's CROCK HILL, 8, 10-13 ..... W. Speck 2
Mr. F. W. Wilmot's SIGNET, 5, 10-0 T. Leader 3

Also ran:—Emphatic (D. Dick), Smoke Cloud (F. Wootton), Croiseur (E. Barker), Old Nic (H. Leader). Off 2.30. (Winner trained by Tabor.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. CONFIRMATION, 5 to 1 Smoke Cloud, 5 to 1 each Signet and Old Nic, 8 to 1 Crock Hill, 10 to 1 Emphatic, 100 to 7 Croiseur.

Won by half a length; three.

3.0—MOLESEY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 300 sovs. 3m. 180yds.

Mr R. Havelock-Allan's b. g. CASH BOX, by Just Cause—Mary Hughes, 7, 10-5 ..... F. Gurney 1
Mr. F. Strange's CUCKMERE LAD, 9, 11-8 ..... G. Wilson 2
Mr. E. L. Lloyd's MAUREEN BAWN, 9, 10-5 ..... T. Leader 3

Also ran:—Tom Crow (A. Robson), Ruddy Glow (Owner), Owd Bob (T. Lawrence). Off 3.0. (Winner trained by Woodland.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst. Maureen Bawn, 4 to 1 Ruddy Glow, 9 to 2 Cuckmere Lad, 6 to 1 each CASH BOX and Tom Crow, 10 to 1 Owd Bob.

Won by thirty lengths; a bad third.

Ruddy Glow and Owd Bob fell, Tom Crow was pulled up.

3.30—STRAWBERRY HILL HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 2 m.

Mrs. Cornelius's b. c. IMPRUDENCE, by Junior —Soldier's Daughter, 3, 10-7 ..... E. Barker 1
Mr. Delacour's MUSTELINE, 5, 11-3 ..... Tighe 2
Capt. C. Leake's HOLIHONIC, 4, 12-4 ...Doyle 3

Also ran:—White Park (G. Green), Master of Arts (J. Anthony), Lauzun (G. Turner), Rosa Lovell II. (F. Wootton), Kilwinning (D. Dick), Little Wavelet (Owner), Lembach (Donnelly), Tudor King (Mr. Pulford), Flint Stone (G. Duller), Pomme-de-Guerre (Leader). Off at 3.31. (Winner trained by Larkin.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. White Park, 5 to 1 each IMPRUDENCE, Flint Stone and Pomme-de-Guerre, 6 to 1 Musteline, 7 to 1 Holihonic, 100 to 8 Kilwinning, 100 to 7 any other.

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Thames National Hunt Flat Race—**Phaco.**

1.0—LALEHAM HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 3 m. 180 yds.

SIR HUON (Ld. Woolavington)....Gore	10	11
RUDDYGLOW (Mr. W. Sankey)H. Brown	6	11
ROYA EDGAR (Mr. Hirst) F. Hartigan	6	11
ROST SUN (Lt.-Col. C. Jickling) Kemp	7	10
HAWKER (Mr. T. Bennett) W. Payne	10	12
BEGGAR'S END (Lord Queenborough) C. Young	6	12
THE BLEEKA (Mr. M'Kevitt)...G. Poole	7	12
GEM (Maj. C. W. Norrie)...G. Bennett	8	11
AMMONAL (Mr. J. W. Wood) Stanley	7	11
TEST MATCH (Mr. Mosenthal) T. Martin	7	11
HARD NAIL (Lord Denman).....Orbell	9	10
PROSPERITY (Mr. Connell) E. Piggott	10	10
SOUTHERN LASS (Mr R. Bartholomew) J. Kelly	9	10
GARDENRATH (Mr. P. Layton) S. Bennett	9	10

1.30—PALACE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 2 m.

			Age st. lb.
PHAT (Mr. W. Knight)....E. Doyle	5	12	7
VICTORY SPEECH (Mr. F. Benson) E. Piggott	7	12	4
WRANGLE (Mr. P. Thrale)....Tabor	6	12	3
WARWICK (Mr. J. Brown)...W. Payne	10	11	11
FELTHAM HILL (Mr. R. C. Robb) Owner	6	11	9
CLINCHER (Mr. J. Clarke) T. Leader	5	11	7
QUARTZ (Lt.-Col. Craven) ... Hammond	7	10	13
SKYLIER (Mr. J. Hare).....Hare	4	10	8

(The above have arrived.)

PETTY CURY (Mr. T. Hartigan) C. Young	6	12	7
UNCERTAIN (Mr. T. Edge) .....Smyth	4	12	6
WARRINGTON (Mrs. L. Palmer) W. Payne	6	12	2
CHALTOI (Mr. E. Martin)..... Martin	11	12	0
TREBLE SCOTCH (7lb.ex.) (Mr. Martin) Owner	8	11	13
GRAYSTOWN (Mr. G. Bennett) Owner	10	11	11
MORE PRIDE (Mr. G. Bennett) Owner	4	11	11
PAULINUS (Miss H. Rodocanachi) Powell	6	11	10
SON O' MELTON (Mrs. Douglas) Douglas	13	11	8
ATHOLHAMPTON (Mr. Fitton) Owner	7	11	7
SODALIS (Mr. A. Tennant) H. Turner	5	11	2
DOMINICAN (Mr. J. Reardon) J. Reardon	4	11	2
GONDOLIER (Mr. W. Allden) ... Allden	9	10	13
BACHELOR'S FAVOURITE (Mrs. Stevens) ..... Stevens	8	10	11
GREEN LABEL (Mr. Bartholomew) J. Kelly	7	10	7
COLYMBUS (Mr. H. Gering) H. Turner	8	10	7

2.0—LONSDALE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 350 sovs. 2 m. 310 yds Age st. lb.

SOUTHEND (Mr. Filmer-Sankey) Anthony	7	12	4

(The above has arrived.)

BEGGAR'S END (Ld. Queenborough) Gore	9	11	11
HYMIR (Mr. K. W. Milnes) ....R. Doyle	7	11	11
DUDLEY (Ld. Londesborough) ..Private	10	11	8
KING SOLITUDE (Mrs. Bower Ismay) Hastings	6	11	8
ARDUOUS (Maj. C. W. M. Norrie) G. Bennett	7	11	7
LE CELLIER (Mr. T. W. Blenkiron) W. Nightingall	5	11	5
CANOPUS (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker)...Martin	5	11	2
GOOD POINTS (Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey) G. Bennett	9	11	1
MITCHELLS (Capt. T. Ainslie Walker) W. Nightingall	6	11	0
SNAPPER (Mr. W. Murray) ...McDonnell	6	11	0
AMMONAL (Mr. J. W. Woods) ..Stanley	7	10	9
DRUMREE (Mrs. Sandys) .....Sandys	8	10	9
WEE LADDIE (Capt. H. C. Davey) Gaby	5	10	6
WINKLE (Mr. J. L. Barnett) ..Dale	10	10	2
ARDOON'S PRIDE (Mr. E. A. V. Stanley) Hastings	4	10	0

2.30—SURREY THREE - YEAR - OLD MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 1½ m. Age st. lb.

HEROD ANTIPAS (Maj. H. T. Barclay) Gore	10	7	
CLOTH OF GOLD (Mr. J. Baylis) T. Leader	10	7	
FLINT STONE (Mrs. H. E. Beddington) F. Hartigan	10	7	
GOLDSMITH (Mrs. E. Brownlee) ....Higgs	10	7	
FARINA (Ld. Cawley) .....Powell	10	7	
PENDOR (Lady Edgar) .....Whitaker	10	7	
SYNCOPATE (Mr. J. Hutton) ...G. Poole	10	7	
BRIGHT LAND (Mr. W. H. McAlpine) G. Poole	10	7	
QUENTIN DURWARD (Mr. H. J. Newman) Pigott	10	7	

(The above have arrived.)

ORMADA (Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne) ....Powell	11	0	
HERBERT'S CHOICE (Mr. G. T. Smyth) Smyth	11	0	
IRISH CHEDDAR (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Martin	10	7	
CAPPAWHITE (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Martin	10	7	
SPEAR O' WAR (Mr. G. N. Bennett) G. Bennett	10	7	
MIXED DOUBLE (Mr. G. N. Bennett) G. Bennett	10	7	
FINAL CHOICE (Mr. M. H. Benson) Whitaker	10	7	
IMPRUDENCE (Mrs. Cornelius) ...Larkin	10	7	
BLUE RUIN (Mr. J. S. Courtauld) ...A. Law	10	7	
SYRIAN (Mr. J. L. Dupuis) .....H. Escott	10	7	
TORRION (Mr. F. D. Finn) .....Toon	10	7	
BILLY BECK (Mr. W. L. Green) ....Gwilt	10	7	
SINSAMA (Mr. W. J. Greaves) ...F. Hartigan	10	7	
INDISCRETION (Mr. W. A. Higgs) ..Higgs	10	7	
SCOTCH PEARL (Mr. A. C. E. Howson) W. Nightingall	10	7	
SOLON THE PHILOSOPHER (Mr. A. C. Joannou) .....W. Nightingall	10	7	
POLIN (Mr. Sol Joel) .....Westmoreland	10	7	
HIGH COURT (Mrs. F. M. Lloyd) ..Anthony	10	7	
SAORSTAT (Mr. J. J. McAuley)....F. Coombe	10	7	
RHETOR (Mr. Mather) .....Larkin	10	7	
SIR LINDSAY (Lt.-Col. G. W. Parkinson) W. Reardon	10	7	
STERNLIGHT (Mrs. W. T. de Pledge) Pope	10	7	
SPIGOT LODGE (Ld. Queenborough) Gore	10	7	
WHAREKOA (Mr. W. A. Read) ...W. Escott	10	7	
MOBELLO (Mr. W. A. Reid) ....W. Escott	10	7	
BONGPHALIA (Mr. J. Settle) ....C. Davis	10	7	
TUTANKHAMEN (Mr. H. M. Stoller) J. M. Bell	10	7	
CYRUS (Mr. C. Wadia) .....Crawford	10	7	
ROCKING HORSE (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton	10	7	
WITNESS (Mr. S. Wootton) .....Wootton	10	7	

3.0—PRIORY STEEPLECHASE of 300 sovs. 2 m. 310 yds. Age. st. lb.

TOP LIGHT (Lieut.-Col. Pat)....Hastings	6	11	9
RIFLE FIRE (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Martin	6	11	5
ARDAILE (Lady Edgar) .....Whitaker	4	10	10
HORSE MARINE (Mr. H. Weld) ..Private	4	10	10

(The above have arrived.)

THE JOKER VIII. (Mrs. M. H. Douglas) Douglas	7	11	9
DARK CLOUD II. (Mr. Farr)....Edwards	6	11	9
RED ROBY (Mr. Fullerton).....Knowles	9	11	9
TORICK (Mr. J. Harris).....Hyams	6	11	9
ASSAROE (Mr. Stanley Howard) Newey	9	11	9
DORADO (Sir Mathew Wilson) W. Nightingall	6	11	9
ANCRUM (Mr. Methven) .....Powell	5	11	5
GUIDANCE (Mr. Rayner).....East	5	11	5
BLANK CARTRIDGE (Capt. Speed) Jackson	5	11	5
CONDOBOLIN (Mr. S. Wootton) R. Doyle	6	11	5
GENERAL ADVANCE (Maj. A. W. Huntington) .....Withington	4	11	3
WALLSEND (Mr. ——).....Cameron	4	11	3
DASH O' WHITE (Mr. W. G. Clarke) Gaby	4	11	3

STAR DONOVAN (Mr. Quinlan) ...Killalee	4	10	10
HACKDENE (Mr. E. A. V. Stanley) Hastings	4	10	10
CHOKI DAH (Mr. M. B. Sanderson) S. Bennett	4	10	10
SUNCIRCLE (Sir Mathew Wilson) W. Nightingall	4	10	10

3.30—THAMES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE of 150 sovs. 2 m. 2 f. 50 yds. Age st. lb.

SOUTHEND (Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey) Anthony	7	11	7
GREENLAWN (Mr. K. E. M. Goode) S. Bennett	4	11	7
NORTH WALTHAM (Mr. P. R. Savill) Law	7	11	7

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FOREWARNED (Mr. W. A. Rankeen) Hastings	9	11	7
HEDU (Mr. S. Bennet) .....S. Bennet	13	11	7
LADY BELGIAN (Mrs. K. Fenwick) Westmorland	5	11	7
MOUNT RIVERS (Maj. Noel Furlong) Kirk	4	11	7
KING SOLITUDE (Mrs. Bower Ismay) Hastings	6	11	7
WINNALL (Mr. R. Liddell) ....Woodland	7	11	7
DUDLEY (Ld. Londesborough) ..Private	10	11	7
THOR (Capt. T. McDougal) ...McDougal	8	11	7
MY FATH (Mr. J. Pendarves) Pendarves	12	11	7
DEAN'S GRANGE (Mr. J. Pendarves) Pendarves	12	11	7
FIARPIN II. (Mr. G. P. Sanday) Sanday	10	11	7
TOWER HILL (Mr. G. S. Walker) Smyth	6	11	7
TYMOC LL. (Mr. Worthington) ..Bladon	4	11	7
BRUNO (Mr. W. H. Whitbread) S. Bennet	10	11	7
DINAH MORRIS (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton	8	11	7

LEOPARDSTOWN MEETING.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 and 27.

FIRST DAY.

Stand Hurdle ..... 1 15 Tower Steeplechase 2 45
Stewards' Selling Hurdle ..... 1 45 Amateur Riders' Steeplechase ... 3 15
Newtown Hurdle... 2 15

SECOND DAY.

Three-Year-Old S. Hurdle ..... 1 15 Leopardstown Steeplechase 2 15
Stillorgan S'chase.. 1 45 Bray Steeplechase... 2 45
Corinthian Plate... 3 15

LIMERICK MEETING.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.

ORDER OF RUNNING.

Greenpark Plate .. 1 15 St. Stephen's Day Plate 2 45
Christmas Plate .. 1 45 Holiday Plate .... 2 15 Directors' Plate ... 3 15

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SALE OF BLOODSTOCK.

At Ryebrook, Leixlip, yesterday, several brood mares, two-year-olds, yearlings, and foals, the property of Mr. C. Friery were put up for sale, by Messrs. Sewells. The following were sold:—

	Gns.
Ch. m. (1918), by Commander Peary—Olive Tea (Mr. J. Meleady)	7
Br. g. (1923), by Ambo—L.P. (Mr. Whitmore)	6½
B. g. (1923), by Ashore—Macha (Mr. Whitmore)	8½
Br. f. (1923), by Ashore—Jilliete (Mr. J. Reade)	25
Ch. g. (1923), by Ashore—mare by Commandant Peary (Mr. L. Farrell)	22
B. c. foal, by Ballycastion—Macha (Mr. J. C. Brown)	21
B. or br. f. foal, by Levanger—L.P. (Mr. E. C. Corcoran)	19
Br. c. foal, by Soulouque—Olive Tea (Mr. J. Meleady)	40
The Property of a Gentleman	
Glen Dessary (4 yrs.) (Mr. J. Doyle)	20

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS. THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet	Hour.
To-day.....	5-Mile Stone	1.30
Wednesday, 24th.....	Culmullen	1.30
Saturday, 27th.....	Kilbride	1.30

THE KILDARE.

To-day.....	Straffan Bridge	11. 0
Tuesday, 23rd.....	Blackchurch	11. 0
Friday, 26th.....	Narraghmore Village..	11. 0
Saturday, 27th.....	Celbridge	11. 0

THE MEATH.

Monday, 22nd.....	Kilnagros	11. 0
Tuesday, 23rd.....	Dunsany Castle	11. 0
Wednesday, 24th.....	Slane Castle	11. 0
Friday, 26th.....	Allenstown	11. 0

KILDARE HOUNDS.—Change of Meet:—Friday, 26th December, Narraghmore Village, instead of Kildangan.

THE BALLYMACAD HOUNDS.—Change of Meets:—December—Tuesday, 23rd, Ballyfore; Tuesday, 30th, Farrenconnel. January—Friday, 2nd, Fore; Tuesday, 6th, Crossdrum; Saturday, 10th, Newcastle. At 11 o'clock.

DUHALLOW HOUNDS.—December — Monday 22nd, Beenaskehy; Wednesday, 24th, Creagh Castle; Friday, 26th, Lonsueville; Saturday, 27th, Glenbolane; Monday, 29th, Castlewrixon Cross; Tuesday, 30th, Clyda Bridge. January—Friday, 2nd, Ballydrihane bridge; Saturday, 3rd, Bowenscourt. At 10.45 a.m.

THE COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS.—December—Monday, 22nd, Ballinagarde; Wednesday, 24th, Cahermoyle; Saturday, 27th, Garryfine; Monday, 29th, Patrickswell; Wednesday, 31st, Adare Manor. January, 1925—Friday, 2nd, Grange; Monday, 5th, Croom; Wednesday, 7th, Castletown Manor; Friday, 9th, Burnew; Monday, 12th, Kilpeacon Cross; Wednesday, 14th, Kilfinny Cross; Friday, 16th, Loo's Cross. At 11 o'clock.

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BILLIARDS.

REECE v. SMITH.

At Piccadilly, London, Smith gave a remarkable display v. Reece yesterday afternoon, scoring his sessional points in less than an hour to average 150, while Reece scored only 28 in five visits. This gave Smith a lead of nearly 2,000. His breaks were 427, 175, 112, 86, 309 and 35 (unfinished). Interval scores:—Smith (in play), 15,750; Reece (5,000), 13,886.

At night Smith again dominated the situation, scoring 781 to 498. He made breaks of 200, 146, 93, 186, and 89. Reece's best efforts being 279, 44, and 61. Closing scores:—Smith (in play), 16,600; Reece (rec. 5,000), 14,365.

NEWMAN v. INMAN.

Inman is making a gallant effort at Liverpool to hold off Newman. This afternoon he played remarkably well, and outpointed the champion by 763 to 464, which left him with a reasonable chance of success. Inman made breaks of 512, 61, 56, 156, 106; and Newman 189 and several smaller items. Interval scores:—Inman (rec. 4,000) (in play), 13,823; Newman, 13,427.

Newman recovered a lot of ground at night, scoring 823 to Inman's 521. Newman made a fine break of 539 and also 181; while Inman recorded 406 and 141. Closing scores:—Inman (rec. 4,000), 14,404; Newman (in play), 14,950.

THE TEST MATCH

AUSTRALIA'S GOOD START.

CENTURIES BY COLLINS AND PONSFORD.

SYDNEY, December 19.

Batting all day on a perfect wicket, Australia made a brilliant start in the first Test Match of the M.C.C. tour, and at the drawing of stumps this evening they had run up the fine total of 381 for 3 wickets. For this they were mainly indebted to Collins and Ponsford, who both gave a magnificent display of sound and steady cricket. The latter in scoring a century added his name to the list of distinguished players who have reached three figures in making their first appearance in a Test game, while the Australian captain, who was top score with 114, has now scored three centuries in Test Matches. He and Ponsford together put on 190 for the second wicket, thus establishing a new "Test" record. The previous best second wicket partnership was held by A. C. Bannerman and J. J. Lyons, who scored 174, for Australia at Sydney in 1892. The English record of 152 stands to the credit of A. Shrewsbury and W. Gunn, who made 156 at Leeds on the 1893 against Australia. The partnership between Collins and Ponsford lasted for three hours.

Collins bowled magnificently especially before lunch, when he made the ball break both ways on an easy wicket, to the surprise of the spectators, who were very generous in their applause. The bowler himself stated that he had never bowled better, and added that the week's physical exercises he had gone through had proved very beneficial, especially to his legs. Many of the experts present considered that Gilligan used him too much. Glorious weather prevailed throughout the day, and the official figures show that the attendance numbered 33,911. Hobbs has received a number of birthday congratulations, one of the telegrams reading—"Wilson and Vender's awful barrackers wish you many happy returns."

Collins and Bardsley, the opening pair of batsmen, began very cautiously to the bowling of Tate and Gilligan. The Sussex professional made an appeal for leg before off the sixth ball he sent down, but this was promptly disallowed by the umpire, Whitham. Feeling their way with great care, the batsmen gradually gained confidence. On reaching double figures the Australian skipper was the subject of another appeal by Tate to Williams for l.b.w., but this also met with no success.

The proceedings then became more lively, the batsmen showing perfect understanding and fine judgment in the placing of quick runs, which drew cheers from the crowd. Bardsley when he had scored 15 was missed in the slips by Hendren off Tate. An easy chance was also missed off Arthur Richardson, soon afterwards the Victorian reached three figures. He had then been at the wicket for three hours and twenty-six minutes. Gilligan was frequently applauded for his brilliant fielding at mid-off. Freeman superseded Woolley at 62, and 13 runs later Ponsford was clean bowled by Gilligan. The Victorian player had batted for three hours and forty-eight minutes, and his 110 included 8 fours. Taylor followed in, and he had scored a single when the close of play arrived with the total at 282 for three wickets. Score:—

AUSTRALIA—First Innings.

H. L. Collins c Hendren b Tate	114
W. Bardsley c Woolley b Freeman	21
W. H. Ponsford b Gilligan	110
C. Richardson not out	1
J. M. Taylor not out	1
Extras	15
Total (3 wkts.)	282

To bat—V. Richardson, H. L. Hendry, C. Kelleway, J. M. Gregory, A. Mailey, W. A. Oldfield.

ENGLAND.

A. E. R. Gilligan, A. P. F. Chapman, Hobbs, Sandham, Freeman, Woolley, Hearne, Hendren, Tate, Strud

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

WEEK-END STRENGTH. FUNDS WANTED. GUINNESS AND TEXTILES GOOD. "CASHEL" ORDINARY LOWER. TOBACCOS BUOYANT.

The Dublin Stock and Share markets closed generally more cheerful, with satisfactory improvements in favourite securities that recently in some cases showed dulness owing to profit-taking sale pressure. The Funds were mostly better. Banks closed steady. The Brewery and Distillery market was strong, with Guinness very prominent on a rush of solid support, and closed at best point reached. All Distillery Shares were higher where quoted. Marconis marked time, but Radio Common advanced to 10. The feature in Home Rails was the further weakness in Great Southern Ord., but the other issues of the company were higher on balance. Dublin and South-Eastern "B" Debs. had a further adjustment rise. Dunlop Rubber Ord. were idle, but closed firm. Parent Tyre Ord. were lower at 19s., ex arrears of 3s. 5 3-5d. per share. Arnott Debs. were lower. Bleachers and Fine Spinners were strong. Textiles were busy, but the turn lower on profit-taking. Imperial Tobaccos were buoyant, and closed about 3s. higher. Burke issues were again better. Alex. Thom Pre.-Ord. issues were supported.

Government National Loan repeated 92½, and Compensation 5 p.c. Stock 90.

British Funds were bid for. War Loan 5 p.c. rose ⅛ to 101¼-⅜, do. 4 p.c. ⅛ to 100¾, and Funding Loan ⅛ to 89⅞.

In Banks, Bank Stock repeated 272, Munster and Leinsters 6⅞, and Royals 13⅞.

In Breweries and Distilleries, Guinness opened ⅛ higher at 49⅛, and later closed 49¼ buyers, while at the later market buyers carried the price to 49¾, after all offered at 49¼-⅛ had been absorbed. Buchanan-Dewar Ord. rose 2s. 9d. to 70s., Dublin Distillers Ord. 6d. to 27s. 9d., and do. 4½ p.c. Debs. ¼ to 61¼.

Marconi repeated 30s. 9d. Radio Common rose ⅛ to 9⅛-10, and the Pref. ⅛ to 10⅛-¼.

Home Railways were largely idle. Great Southern Ord. further fell ¼ to 36¾, and the Debs. ¼ to 69, but the Pref. rose ¼ to 81, and the Guaranteed ¼ to 57. Dublin and South-Eastern 4 p.c. "B" Debs. rose 4 to 68.

In Tramways, Dublin United Pref. repeated 8¼. Cork Electric Debs. were wanted at 55, a rise of 2½ on last price.

In Bakery Shares, Johnston Debs. repeated 6¼.

Parent Tyre Ord. fell 9d. to 19s., ex arrears. Dunlop Rubber Ord. were called 10s. 6d. from the other side.

In Drapery Shares, Arnott Debs. fell ¼ to 6¼, while Walpole Bros. Pref. repeated 75s.

As regards Manufacturing Shares, Coates repeated 62s. 9d., and the "B" Pref. fell 1½d. to 23s. 1½d., and Cottons 3d. to 60s. 3d. Spinners were very good at 56s. 3d., 56s. 1½d., 56s. 6d., a rise of 9d. Imperial Tobacco opened 1s. 4½d. better at 86s. 4½d., with later dealing at 86s. 3d. Later the price moved up suddenly to 88s., and do. Canadians were firmer at 28s. x.d. Cortaulds were busy at 69s. 1½d. to 69s. 9d. Bleachers rose 1s. 6d. to 64s. 3d. x.d.

As regards Trading, etc., Shares, Burke Ord. rose 1s. to 85s., and the Debs. ⅛ to 84. Alex. Thom and Co. Pref. closed firm at 50s., and the Debs. at 61⅛. Dublin Artisans' Dwellings rose ½ to 6¼. Shells realised 85s.-85s. 3d., and Hayes, Conyngham and Robinson Debs. rose 1s. 3d. to 61s. 3d.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.

Transactions for cash marked "c."

National Loan (92½) 92¼ | Dub. Tram Pref.(8½) 8¾
Compensation Stock (90) *90 90 | Parent Tyre Ord. (19/9d.) 19/-
5% War Loan (100¼) 100¾ | Johnston Deb....(6½) 6¾
4% War Loan (100¼) 101¼ & | Arnott Deb.....(6½) 6¾
4% War Loan (100¼) 100¾ | Walpole Pf..(75/-) *75/-
Fund. Loan (89½) 89⅞ | Bleachers .....(64⅜ x.d.
Bank of Ireland (272c) 272c | Cottons .....(60/6) 60/3
Mun. & Lein. ....(6¾) 6¾ | Courtaulds.68/9 9/- 8/10½
Royal ....(13¾) *13¾ | /9
Buchanan-Dewar (67/3) 70/- | Spinners.(55/9) 56/3 /1
Dub. Distillers.27/3 27/9 | Imp. Tob....(85/-) 86/4d
Do. Deb.....(604) 61¼ | /3 8/-
Guinness ...(49¾) 49¾ | Do. Canada....(8¾ x.d.
Marconi .....(30/9) 30/9 | Burke Ord.....(84/-) 85/-
Radio Common...9¾ 10 | Do. Deb.....(84) 84
G.S. Ord.....(37½) 36¾ | Hayes Conyngham Deb. *61/3
Do. Pref.....(69¾) 69¾ | Thom Pref.....(50/-) 50/-
Do. Guar.....(56¾) 57 | Do. Deb....(61/4) 61¾
D.S.E. B Deb....(64) 68 | Arnott Pf. Deferred....(6) *6¾
Odd lot. ‡ bid. x dividend.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount ..... 5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit ..... 2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day..... Jan. 5 | Jan. 19
General contango day..... Jan. 6 | Jan. 20
Ticket day ..... Jan. 7 | Jan. 21
Account day ..... Jan. 8 | Jan. 22

BELFAST.

The Exchange closed the week with a moderate activity. War Loan marked at 101¼, Exchequer Bonds 5¾ per cent. 100, National War Bonds 106, Funding Loan 89¾, Westminster Bank 18⅞, Hughes Ord. 37s., Dunville and Co. 15, McConnell Pref. 42½, Arnott and Co. 55s., Imperial Tobacco 86s. 7½d., Dunlop Rubber 10s. 4½d., Lagan Vale Estates 20s., Wall Paper Manufacturers Def. 22s. 10½d., Bleachers' Association 64s. 3d.

LONDON STOCKS ACTIVE.

BRITISH FUNDS WEAR.

The London Stock markets were active yesterday, there being a considerable demand for semi-speculative and speculative issues, such as Industrials, Oils, Rubbers, Teas and Base Metal shares, which left off strong. On Monday 300,000 fully paid £1 Ordinary Shares in Beecham Estates and Pills, Ltd., will be offered to the public at an issue price of 21s. per share. These shares have been privately held, and this is the first time the Ordinary Shares have been offered to the public. An interim dividend has recently been announced, payable on January 1st next, and the shares about to be issued will carry this dividend.

A weaker tendency prevailed in British Funds. Funding Loan shed ¼ to 89¾, while Victory Bonds at 93 were also ¼ down; 3½ p.c. Conversion Loan dropped back, and at the finish also marked a decrease of ¼, the final quotation being 78¾. Among War Loans the Fives at 101¼ were ¼ lower.

Colonial Government Scrips were quiet. Sudan 4 p.c. were marked at 23-⅛, while Australia 4½ per cent. were only 33¼. South Africa 5 per cent. were without alteration at 71¾. Radio Corporation "A" Common lost ¼ to ¾, while "B" were to the good at 10-⅛. Distillers came into renewed request, final quotation being 2¾. Watney Combe Def. were also wanted, but here no change was shown. Newspapers were quiet and steady. Nitrates were generally without change. Among Miscellaneous, Chinese recovered their losses of Wednesday, the 5 per cent. (1896) being a point better at 93, while the 4½ per cent. (1898) at 80 and the 5 per cent. (1912) at 67 were also a point to the good. Argentine 5 per cent. (1886) were good, and at the finish they showed an increase of a point to 102. Peruvians, although not active, were much firmer; the Ord. at 5¾ were ¼ better, while the Pref. gained ¼ to 39 ex div. Japanese were quiet. Uruguay 5½ p.c. dropped a further ¼ to 60. German 7 p.c. Loan quoted at 67⅞.

BRITISH RAILS QUIET.

Home Rails were quiet and without much alteration. Midlands were better, finishing ½ up to 100¼. Great Westerns were repeated at 108; North-Eastern 5 p.c. Pref.-Ord. remained at 83, but the Def.-Ord. put on ¼ to 30¾. Metropolitans were firm, but unchanged. Among Southern, the Def.-Ord. at 44 were ½ to the good, while others remained at overnight quotations. Undergrounds were well maintained.

FOREIGN RAILS DROOPING.

Colonial and Foreign Rails were inclined to droop. Bahia Blanca Guaranteed Stock lost a point to 83. Among Buenos Ayres issues, the Pacific at 78¾ and the Western at 75 were ½ and a point lower, respectively. Canadian Pacifics were steady at 161. Mexican Rails were again on the down grade. The Ord. lost ½ to 7, while the Pref. issues were 1½ to 2 to the good. Entre Rios, on the other hand, were quite firm, the Ord. putting on 2 points to 27, while the 6 per cent. Cum.-Pref. at 82½ were ½ better.

OIL SHARES FIRM.

The firmer tendency which developed in the leading Oil Shares on Thursday continued in evidence yesterday, although business on any thing like an important scale was once more confined to a few specialities, prominent among which were certain of the more speculative descriptions. The price movements finally recorded, although few in number, were generally favourable.

RUBBER SHARES RISING.

The better tone manifest in the Rubber share market on Thursday was again in evidence yesterday. Although by no means active a fair amount of business was put through, and as a rule price changes were in the upward direction. Java Amalgamated were a good spot. The final quotation showed an increase of 1s. 3d. to 28s. 7½d. Seafield put on 7½d. to 14s. 7½d., while Tamisang and Telogorealjo were both 6d. to the good at 30s. 3d. and 45s. 6d. respectively. Glenbervie at 26s. 6d. were also 6d. better on the day. Lanadron, on the other hand, were heavy, and the final quotation was 1s. 1½d. easier at 21s. 10½d. Malacca Ords. lost 9d. to 36s. 3d. Cicely lost 6d. to 5s., while Anglo-Malay at 25s. 4½d. and Central at 22s. were both 1½d. down. Kepitigalla lost 1½d. to 1s. 4½d. The price of rubber rose to 19d. per lb.

TEA SHARES STEADY.

The amount of business transacted in the Tea shares market yesterday was again on a fair scale, while a better tendency was noticeable in most issues. A good list of price changes was recorded, and while a few issues finished the day at a slightly lower level than the previous closing quotation, the majority of alterations were in favour of holders. Amalgamated Estates were marked, and the first price showed a gain of ¼ to 5/0. Assam Dooars were strong. Few shares changed hands, but the final quotation was appreciably higher, being 60½, or an increase of ¼ on the day. Cachar and Dooars were another good spot, and here an improvement to 2s. 9d. was marked, the closing level being 2s. 9d. x.d. Metropolitans were firm, but unchanged. Among Southern, the Def.-Ord. at 44 were ½ to the good, while others remained at overnight quotations. Undergrounds were well maintained.

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A NEAT COMPACT HOUSE, situated just off tram line; newly done up, with new close range, containing hall, sittingroom, 2 good bedrooms, kitchen, scullery; small garden front and rear; coal-house, w.c. Head rent £4 per annum. Lease 500 years. P.L.V., £13.

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AUCTION THURSDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1925,

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Lot 1—Part of the Lands of Newton, containing 19a. 2r. 24p., S.M. (or thereabouts), subject to the annuity of £15 7s. 6d., payable to Saorstat Eireann.

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Sale 12.30 o'clock.

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SALE, in Four Lots, of BURY ESTATE, DOWNINGS, PROSPEROUS, CO. KILDARE. Messrs. MAXWELL, WELDON and CO., Solicitors, 40 North Great George's street.

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1924—No. 250.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

CHAMBERS NO. 1.

Between

VICTOR PRICE BRIGHT and ROBERT JOHN PARKER, Plaintiffs;

And

WILHELMINA JOSEPHINE CALDWELL, Defendant,

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION (subject to the approbation of the Judge),

In One Lot,

PART OF THE LANDS OF CLONKEEN (LUCAS), containing 6 acres 3 roods 20 perches, or thereabouts, Statute Measure, situate in the Barony of Dartree, and

COUNTY OF MONAGHAN,

And

The Plot of Ground, with Buildings thereon, in Whitehall street, in the Town of Clones, being part of the Lands of Crossmoyle, and containing 30 perches, or thereabouts, like measure, situate in the Barony of Dartree and County of Monaghan.

Being the Lands entered on Folio 1246 of the Register of Freeholders for the County of Monaghan.

The Lands are registered free from Equities by Mr. WILLIAM R. HAGNE, the Auctioneer appointed by the Court,

At the TOWN HALL, CLONES, County Monaghan, On FRIDAY, the 16th day of JANUARY, 1925, At 12 o'clock noon.

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The Dwellinghouse and Premises are situate in Whitehall street, in the important fair and market Town of Clones, about five minutes' walk from the railway station. The dwellinghouse is substantially built, two storey and slated, and contains tiled entrance hall, drawingroom, five bedrooms, bathroom (h. and c.), large kitchen with the usual pantries, scullieries and servants' apartments; electric lighting throughout, gas laid down, yard and out-offices are extensive, comprising 18 loose boxes, harness room, byre, garage, etc., from which an extensive horse-dealing business has been carried on. The whole is in excellent repair and decorative order.

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SAORSTAT EIREANN.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, 1924. NO. 270.

In the Matter of

THE COMPANIES (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1908, and in the Matter of

THE PAVILION (CINEMA AND CAFE, LIMITED.

Pursuant to an Order of Mr. Justice Murnaghan in the above matter, dated 10th day of November, 1924, Mr. Charles Edward Louis Olden, F.C.A., Offers for Sale by Tender, subject to the confirmation of the Court—

The Business Undertaking and Valuable Premises, known as

THE PAVILION CINEMA AND CAFE, LIMITED,

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The Buildings are situated in the best centre in Cork, and comprise the Premises known as Nos. 30, 31 and 32 Patrick street, Cork, with plot at rear, and Nos. 9, 10, and 11 Carey's lane, Cork, with plot adjoining, held under leases with long terms to run, subject to a total gross head rent of £261 15/-. P.L.V., £580.

In addition to the Cinema Theatre and Café, there are three shops, one of which is in the occupation of the company, the other two being let on separate leases, the combined rent receivable out of same being £250 per annum, towards paying own city and poor rates on £160 of the above P.L.V.

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SPECIAL SALE OF

ROSE TREES, SHRUBS, Etc.,

On TUESDAY NEXT, 23rd DECEMBER, Commencing at 12 o'clock.

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SALEROOMS, 6 UPPER ORMOND QUAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 1925,

A LARGE COLLECTION OF MODERN FURNITURE.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 1925,

"RIVERSIDE," HERBERT ROAD, PEMBROKE

(CLOSE TO LANSDOWNE ROAD STATION).

"RIVERSIDE" is a well-built House of modern and economic design, in excellent state. It contains large entrance hall, cloakroom, 3 reception and 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, kitchen and servants' quarters. The Out-offices are well equipped, providing garage, stabling and other accommodation.

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POSSESSION WILL BE GIVEN.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 1925,

CHIPPENDALE AND SHERATON FURNITURE.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 1925,

AN IMPORTANT LIBRARY.

Particulars of the foregoing will be duly announced.

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AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS,

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MACARTHUR'S FORTNIGHTLY AUCTIONS.

PROPERTY AUCTION, FRIDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 1925.

"ST. JOSEPH'S," 93 BOTANIC ROAD, GLASNEVIN. VACANT POSSESSION.

3 HARDWICKE STREET. CITY RESIDENCE. VACANT POSSESSION.

12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 SHERRARD AVENUE, OFF N.C.R. COTTAGE PROPERTY.

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IMPORTANT FURNITURE SALE BY AUCTION, TO-DAY (SATURDAY) AND MONDAY NEXT.

SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CARPETS AND EFFECTS, ¾-SIZE ORME BILLIARD TABLE, &c.

(Removed from City and Suburban Residences for convenience of Sale).

Comprising briefly:—Five Sweet-toned Cottage Pianofortes, by eminent makers; several Gramophones, Records, and Musical Instruments; two superior Mahogany Louis Cabinets, Mahogany Music Cabinet, Piano-Player and 116 Music Rolls, quantity of Second-hand Toys, several magnificent Sideboards, Cabinets and Chiffoniers; 10 Mahogany Screw-expanding Dining Tables, with loose leaves, from 6 to 15 feet long; Chesterfield Suites, Lounge and Easy Chairs, Occasional Tables and Chairs, choice Mahogany Louis Overmantel; pair of All-Brass Twin Bedsteads, with Woven-Wire Spring Mattresses; Mahogany Oak Bedstead and Spring Mattress, 5ft. Dark Oak Bedroom Suite of 8 pieces, Oak Chest of Drawers, Walnut Blanket Chest, Mahogany Cheval Glass, 2 Mahogany Inlaid Chests of Drawers, very fine 9ft. Mahogany Inlaid Bedroom Suite of 5 pieces (double mirror door to Robe), 4'6" Satin Walnut Bedroom Suite of 3 pieces, 6'6" Chiffonier, and 5 very fine Mahogany Sidehead Dining Chairs, hair-stuffed and covered in Morocco; almost-new Knitting Machine and accessories, cost £10, very little used; Skeleton Clock, under Shade, by "Mallett," Barnstaple; Typewriters, Sewing Machines, Grandfather Clock, Hall Stands and Chairs, Fenders and Curb Sets, Ornamental Glasses, Single and Double Mahogany and other Wardrobes, Duchesse Pairs, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Towel Rails, Tallet Tables, Bedsteads and Bedding, Hair Mattresses, &c.; Pictures, Paintings, Engravings, Silver and Plated Ware; also a quantity of Men's Boots and Shoes, Millinery, &c.; together with a large assortment of Kitchen Furniture and Utensils, &c.

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SALES BY

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DUNSHAUGHLIN LIVE STOCK SALE,

TUESDAY, 30th DECEMBER, AT 12 O'CLOCK. Early entries invited.

JAMES J. ROONEY & CO., LTD., 36 PRUSSIA STREET. CO. DUBLIN.

WE are favoured with instructions from the Administrator of the late Mr. F. Maher, Deceased, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on 15th JANUARY, 1925, at 1.30, at the CITY ARMS HOTEL, PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN, the valuable Holding known as NEWTOWN, BALDRIGGAN, COUNTY DUBLIN, containing 191a. 3r. 19p., Statute measure, held subject to an annuity of £156 9/4, payable to the Irish Land Commission.

There is a substantially-constructed two-storey slated Residence, consisting of drawingroom, dining-room, study, 5 family bedrooms, servant's room, box room, kitchen, scullery, dairy.

The out-offices, all of which are in good repair, comprise abede to accommodate 100 cattle, stabling for 7 horses, large barn, store-house, granary, motor garage, also implement shed and hay shed.

The Residence, which has a southerly aspect, is approached by a nicely wooded drive of about 200 yards from road gate, at which there is a neat lodge.

There is an enclosed garden, with conservatory.

The Land is of prime fattening quality, is well watered, and fenced; the divisions are of convenient size and surround the residence, and have an abundant supply of keep.

Newtown is about two miles from Balbriggan Station (Great Northern Line) and about 15 miles from Dublin.

For further particulars apply to

Messrs. J. and J. GALLOWAY, Solicitors, 14 South Frederick street, Dublin; or

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PORTERSIZE HOUSE, BALLYTORE, CO. KILDARE.

SALE OF FEE-SIMPLE RESIDENTIAL HOLDING.

SUBSCRIBERS are instructed by W. H. Reynell, Esq. (who has purchased the property holding), to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE LANDS

On MONDAY, 22nd day of DECEMBER, 1924, At 12 o'clock

(if not previously disposed of by Private Treaty),

All that part of the Lands of Portersize, situate close to the town of Ballytore, and three miles from Celbridge and Grange Con Stations. The Lands contain 157 acres, 3r. 20p. Statute measure, held in fee-simple, subject to the annuity of £48 7/5, payable half-yearly under the provisions of the 1903 Act, the P.L.V. being £115.

These Lands are situate close to the County road, and are all in grass of prime fattening quality, except seven acres for potato. They are noted for their soundness and freedom from disease, and can fatten cattle by early July. Sheep do exceptionally well, also.

There is a modern, two-storeyed slated residence on the lands, in perfect order, containing 8 reception rooms, large hall, 4 family bedrooms, kitchen, pantry and dairy. The farmyard is detached from the residence; and the farm buildings, all slated and corrugated iron roofed, are in perfect order and comprise—Car shed, garage and store, 3 loose houses to hold 26 cattle, stall feeding house to tie 25, feeding house, stalls for 5 cows, large barn to hold 500 barrels of grain, large granary, cart shed, boiler house and store, grains pit, stabling for 4 horses, man's room.

The Lands are well fenced, watered and watered; they are eight divisions, with spring well at house and running water, never failing, through farmyard and on lands. Church, chapel, and Post Office are within 5 minutes' walk.

The Clearance Sale will be announced later.

For full particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to

HENRY K. TOOMEY, Esq., Solicitor for Vendor, Emily square, Athy; or to

GAZE & JESSOP, M.I.A.A.,

Auctioneers and Valuers,

MARYBOROUGH.

TOWNLAND OF LISRAW, POYNTZPASS.

IMPORTANT SALE OF VALUABLE

FARM OF LAND,

WITH RESIDENCE AND OUT-OFFICES COMPLETE.

BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on FRIDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1924, at the hour of Two o'clock p.m., on the instructions of Messrs. A. and D. Alexander, all that very Valuable Farm of Land, containing 94 acres 2 roods, Statute Measure, or thereabouts, held subject to the terminable annuity of £36 10s., payable to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland. The Farm is a most ideal one, being intersected by the County Road, and situate in close proximity to the important Market Town of Poyntzpass. The land is of the very best quality, well fenced, watered, and drained. The Dwellinghouse is most up-to-date, two-storeyed, cement finished, with hot and cold water throughout, and contains bathroom, hot press, 4 bedrooms upstairs, drawingroom, dining-room, 3 reception rooms, kitchen, scullery, and servants' rooms. The out-offices are ample and commodious, the situation is all that could be desired, in fact one of the most ideal homes in the Six Counties. There are two Workmen's Houses on the Farm.

For further particulars as to title, etc., apply to FISHER and FISHER, Solicitors, Newry.

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SALE TO-DAY (SATURDAY) OF

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Bedroom and Diningroom Suites, Dining Chairs and Tables, Overmantels, Brass Kerbs, Carpets and Rugs, Tea Trays, Bicycles (Rudge), Scooters, Dolls' Prams, Dolls, Trunks, Ornaments, Cutlery, Plated Ware, etc.

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NEXT AUCTION,

At 50 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN, On THURSDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1925. Early Entries invited.

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About 15 TONS HAY.
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On MONDAY NEXT, 22nd DECEMBER, At 12 o'clock.

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FENNOR, COUNTY KILDARE.

1924. Number 421.

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HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—

Mr. JUSTICE MURNAGHAN.

Between

ANNE MORAN, Plaintiff;

And

JOHN FARRELL, Defendant.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION (pursuant to an Order of Mr. Justice Murnaghan, dated the 24th day of June, 1924),

IN ONE LOT,

At the Courthouse, Kildare, in the County of Kildare, on Thursday, the 22nd day of January, 1925, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, (if Mr. Owen Boland, Auctioneer. The purchaser will not be required to pay Auctioneer's commission).

Part of the lands of Fennor, situate in the Barony of West Offaly and County of Kildare, containing 147 acres 3 roods 9 perches, Statute measure.

Held in fee-simple, subject to the restrictions as to sub-division, mortgaging, sub-letting, etc., contained in the Irish Land Acts and to an annuity of £53 12/2 payable to the Irish Land Commission for the third decade, which began on 1st May, 1907, and subject to the conditions set forth in the folio number 320/22575 of the Register, County of Kildare, relating thereto.

DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

The farm is laid out in convenient sized fields, well watered and sheltered; seven acres were manured this season, ten acres under new grass, remainder all in grass.

There is a comfortable stone-built dwelling and substantial stone-built slated out-offices attached, capable of holding eighty head of cattle, ample cart, implement and loose houses, piggeries, stabling and loft for 500 barrels.

The holding adjoins the public road, with dwelling being approached by short avenue, and within one mile of Kildare town and railway station, and three miles from Curragh Camp. It presents an unique opportunity to any person desirous of securing a very compact holding conveniently situated.

For particulars and conditions of Sale apply to

ALFRED W. GLOVER, Solicitor for Plaintiff, having carriage of Sale, 20 Wicklow street, Dublin; or to

OWEN BOLAND, Auctioneer, Monasterevan, County Kildare.

LISLEEN, MONEYREA, CO. DOWN.

MR. DAVID McCLURE has instructed us TO SELL BY AUCTION, at our Belfast Mart, 51 CHICHESTER STREET, BELFAST, on THURSDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1925, at 3 p.m., with Dwellinghouse, sitting and 4 bedrooms, kitchen, scullery, pantry, and extensive, well-equipped offices, nearly all slated, and in good repair. Also 5 Cattle, 1 Cow, 1 Oat Sheaver, 1 Straw Cutter, Turnip Gouger, Shafting and Belting, Horse Churning Machine, etc. Rich early Lands, very producing, well fenced, watered, drained, under pasture. Yearly rent £23 4/-. Situate 5½ miles Castlereagh Road Tram Terminus and Belfast City Boundary.

JOSEPH LOCKHART, Solicitor, Lisburn.

J. D. MARTIN & CO., F.A.I., Auctioneers, 61 CHICHESTER STREET, BELFAST, And LISBURN.

COUNTY OF MEATH.

I HAVE received instructions from the Executrix of the late Mrs. Gilbert, to SELL BY AUCTION, at 39 Prussia street, Dublin, on THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1925, at one o'clock, the Residence and Demesne of LORD KILMAINE, containing 199 acres 1 rood, 38 perches, Statute measure, held in Fee-simple, subject only to a Tithe Rent Charge of £3 10/- per annum. The Lands are situate in the Parish of Kilmessan, Barony of Lower Deece, and are within one mile of Kilmessan Station and four miles from Trim. There is a nice gentleman's Residence thereon, containing three reception rooms, 6 bedrooms, pantries, bathroom with hot and cold water, and extensive Out-offices, all in good order. There is a good water supply to the House and Out-offices.

There is a good Gate Lodge at back entrance; also two good slated Cottages on the Farm.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

Messrs. HAYES and SONS, Solicitors, 41 and 42 Nassau street, Dublin.

G. H. LENNON, M.I.A.A., Auctioneer and Live Stock Salesman, 49 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

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Stillorgan Road, 30 Acres—FOR SALE, CHARMING DETACHED RESIDENCE in its own grounds, with fine pasture paddocks; the house is in splendid order, not too large, with lounge hall, 3 sitting rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2 maids' rooms, hot bath, pantries and excellent out-offices. The land is of prime quality, and lets readily. The place is only 5 miles from Dublin, and in a good residential district. Price £5,500. Apply to Dockrell Limited, South Great George's street.

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CHURCH STREET, ATHLONE,

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In addition to the Licensed Trade, there is a high-class Confectionery business attached to the premises. There is a well-appointed Bakehouse in the yard at the rear.

The House is in splendid repair and is situate in the leading thoroughfare of the town.

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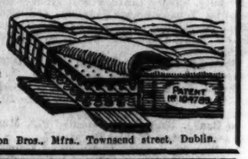

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